Reinert, Nicole Meredith

BARRINGTON



REINERT, NICOLE MEREDITH

age 40, of Barrington, RI passed away after a valiant struggle with a rare, multi-faceted illness that she acquired at the age of twenty.

She was the beloved daughter of Beverly (Smith) Reinert and Steven E. Reinert of Barrington.

Nicole was born in Newport, RI and moved with her parents to Barrington when she was four. As a child and while growing up Nicole enjoyed ballet, YMCA camp, RISD Art Camp, singing lessons, Lincoln School Theatre Camp, Little League/All-Stars and then as a teen, alternative music and rock concerts. She was voracious reader.

Kind and caring, fun, and funny, Nicole touched so many people. She was loved by many. Nicole's great wit, beautiful spirit and unique personality brought her parents, family, and friends much joy and laughter.

She had many talents. Her greatest love was poetry writing. She had been published in several literary magazines including The Southern Poetry Review, The Ledge, The Iconoclast, Nerve Lantern, and The Yalobusha Review, among others. In 2007 Nicole was the recipient of the Rhode Island Council of the Arts Fellowship Award for Poetry. The following year she was selected to be one of the three judges selected by RISCA for the 2008 poetry award. When she was seventeen she won out of 805 entries the Providence Journal Sunday Brunch Poetry Contest for her poem entitled Envelope. As a teen she was involved in Providence Poetry Slams, participating as an individual, and on a team.

Besides poetry, she loved cooking and browsing on Etsy for cute, sweet, crafty items. She was forever creating her own unique arts and crafts as gifts for her parents, family, and friends.

Nicole developed a passion for the chemistry of making exquisite organic perfumes, body creams and moisturizers. She loved the art of using Tarot Cards not as a psychic but rather to use each card symbol in a therapeutic way to help others move with positivity through their personal issues. Nicole was self-taught in the art of jewelry making and ran a successful business offering a variety of her creations on Etsy.

Nicole attended Hampshire College and then City College of San Francisco maintaining a 4.0 average with intentions of transferring to California Berkeley, but then the ups and downs of her illness interfered with her dream of becoming a teacher of creative writing at the college level. She always remained optimistic—always waiting for the next blue-sky window so she could continue her love of life and the use of her talents.

Besides her parents, Nicole's leaves her life partner, Jason McGill, and her "sister-cousin" Catie Reinert. She leaves a total of 13 first cousins, four uncles and two aunts. She will be missed terribly by her parents and all who knew and loved her.

A funeral service will be held for Nicole on Tuesday, January 17, at 10:00 AM, at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue, Providence, RI. A luncheon gathering will follow, time and place to-be-announced.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Nicole.

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