



## Amy Elizabeth Washburn

June 2, 1978 - April 11, 2013

Amy Elizabeth Washburn passed away, April 11, 2013 after a courageous battle against cancer. She never gave up. Amys was an amazing person admired by so many and she leaves a large void. Amy was born June 2, 1978 to Ron and Julie Stewart. Amy was a bright a vibrant child with a strong sense of self and ambition. She grew up in Bellingham attending and graduating from Sehome High School with her sights on becoming a nurse at an early age. Amy was always compassionate with her family and friends and wanted to show compassion towards people in need.

Amy was so excited to get into UW Nursing School and begin her journey in helping others. In 2001, Amy graduated from UW with her BS in Nursing. She began her career at St. Josephs Hospital then became the school nurse for Lummi Nation Schools, and then found her niche at the Whatcom County Health Department. She had great passion for the work she was doing and felt that it was her calling. Many of her colleagues have commented about her warm smile, laugh, and her kindness. She was truly a remarkable nurse.

Right after high school Amy met, Merritt Washburn (Duffy) and fell in love. Amy and Duffy dated for 6 years before they were married on July 14, 2002. They celebrated their 10-year anniversary last summer. Amy and Duffy enjoyed camping, skiing, and taking their yearly trip over to the Gorge to watch Dave Matthews.

Amy's true love of being a mother came true on August 10, 2006, her angel, Rylie Grace Elizabeth was born. Amy was an invested mother who thoroughly enjoyed her time with Roo. August 8, 2011 Spencer Liam joined the family, Amy's miracle baby boy. She loved her children so much. Amy and Duffy loved to go on walks, play at the park or just run their Saturday errands as a family together.

Amy is survived by her husband, Merritt Washburn, daughter Rylie, son Spencer, grandma Mary Brough (Bill), parents Ron and Julie Stewart, sister Allison Mitchell (Tyler), brother Tim Stewart (Angela), numerous aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews.

Amy was a passionate, determined, courageous, giving, loving, loyal and genuine person. She cared more for others than for herself and spent her life advocating for others. She is missed, but will never be forgotten.

Amy's family would like to thank all that showed her love and support, especially her doctor (William Rubin) and nurses from hospice. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to saving accounts for Rylie and Spencer at WECU.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 20, at 1 PM, at Moles Farewell Tributes-Bellingham. Please share memories at [www.farewelltributes.com](http://www.farewelltributes.com)

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“ *We are so very sad to hear about Amy's passing. We will always remember a beautiful girl filled with smiles. Please know you are all in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.*

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**Skip and Abbie Poynter** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We Are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with You.*

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**David & Joanne Shirra** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM