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Sammie was born under a full moon on October 16th, 1978. At the time, it wasn't clear if her lifetime would last a few days, weeks or years. On August 8th, at the age of 43, Sammie passed away peacefully at home in Molson, WA with her parents and sister by her side.

Sammie attended Lummi Head Start when she was four then entered the Lummi Tribal School where she received a Certificate of Completion following her 21st Birthday. It was common practice at school assemblies and in community

halls for Sammie to take advantage of the acoustics and begin to 'speak up' and 'sing', oftentimes causing the presenter to start over.

Unable to sit by herself or turn around, at age five Sammie picked up a small mirror, aimed it at the teacher across the room and, from then on, mirror in hand kept track of everyone! For someone so very small and with little control in her daily life, where she could direct events, she was unquestionably running the show.

Sammie was joyful and loved to connect with others. She brightened up to

music whether from the radio or someone singing close by. She loved, even more, dancing. And she was a percussionist from a very early age, tapping rhythms on a book or toy.

She loved her mom's pumpkin pie, taking glasses off of faces, old Looney Tunes cartoons, Mickey Mouse (especially his ears) and her family and friends.

She leaves behind her mother Tory Shook, father Darrell Phare, step-father Dosch Koreis, sister Annie (Justin) Kirk, aunts and uncles Lillian Marquez, Jewell (Ralph) Minnick, Peter (Wendy) Shook, Michael (Cynthia) Shook and nieces Ellie and Olivia.

Sammie leaves numerous Aunties, Uncles and Cousins from the Lummi community, Okanogan County and Camp Field who embraced her at the start and throughout her remarkable journey.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 19th at 10 a.m. at the Lummi Nation Cemetery.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **19**. 10:00 AM.

Lummi Nation Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Sammie Phare*

October 23, 2023 at 01:06 AM



“ *My thoughts are with all of you as Sammie continues on her journey of love and light.*

Carolyn Graye - August 19, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ *One of my most cherished memories of my life is of Sammie, we were inside and she heard Darrell coming, he was still outside and her joy was so larger than life that it still shines right now... she was so pure a light. Sending you all the love I have for Sammie, now and always*

Aline Soundy - August 18, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ *God bless!*

Jessie - August 17, 2022 at 02:24 PM



My deepest condolences to the family. I went to tribal school with Sammie and I have nothing but fond memories of her. I hope the family is well and I know Sammie is healthy and happy on the other side with loved ones gone before us.

Leanna Thomas

Leanna Thomas - August 18, 2022 at 03:21 PM