



Desiree "Dezi" Sunford

August 26, 1982 - April 7, 2013

Desiree "Dezy" (Kast) Sunford, 30, passed away Sunday, April 7, 2013 in her home in Yakima, the victim of a homicide. Desiree was the daughter of Keith and Connie Kast of Moses Lake and the wife of Scott Sunford of Yakima. Born and raised in Moses Lake, Desiree was always hard working, honest, kind, and had a great sense of humor. She loved animals and was a member of 4-H, showing rabbits and sheep at local county fairs. She also took dance classes and played softball. As a teenager, a love for restoring her 1969 Chevelle taught Dezy to become quite the mechanic. She could get greasy with the best of them and reveled in surprising parts store counter men as she rattled off the list of parts needed for projects with precision and accuracy. Desiree and her then future husband, Scott, shared a love of muscle cars and would take the Chevelle to car shows in the summer. After a wreck, it was obvious that they would restore it together, again.

Following graduation from Moses Lake High School in 2000, Dezy went on to Central Washington University, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education. She and Scott were married November 27, 2003, and he was immediately deployed to Iraq. Following his return and her graduation, Desiree worked as a substitute teacher in Moses Lake and surrounding districts. During a second deployment, she completed her Masters Degree in Education in 2008. The couple then moved to Yakima, where Dezy secured a full time position as an art teacher at Wapato Middle School. She loved the staff and had great passion for her work with students, as evidenced by her

dedication. She was a kind, gentle and energetic teacher, giving of herself and her time with afterschool activities, even taking students to art competitions. Over the past several years, Desiree found a passion for motorcycles. She purchased her own bike and the couple became dedicated members of the Combat Veterans United motorcycle organization in Yakima, filling their weekends with charity work. Dezy was also dedicated to family, always making time to celebrate the holidays together and looked forward to the yearly family camping trip.

Our hearts are shattered at the loss of our beloved Dezy. She will remain in our memories forever, and we are better off because she touched our lives. Her infectious smile, sparkling eyes and zest for life will be greatly missed. We will say our final goodbye to her on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1142 W. Ivy Street, Moses Lake, WA, at 11 am. She will then be laid to rest at Guarding Angels Cemetery with her father, Keith, and sister, Echo. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Desiree Sunford Memorial Fund at any Sterling Savings Bank.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Service

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ You will always be remembered as a wonderful woman and one of my best friends##imported-begin##Jennifer Conger##imported-end##

May 21, 2013 at 10:28 PM



“ Connie, I can't express enough how very sorry I am for the loss of your daughter. Sending thoughts and prayers your way.##imported-begin##Angela Rataczyk##imported-end##

May 14, 2013 at 01:39 PM



“ Desiree was an amazing woman and a great friend. Throughout our high school years together, she was always supportive and open, always willing to lend a helping hand. Her kind nature and caring attitude have helped improve my life, and the lives of anyone who knew her, and I will miss her dearly.##imported-begin##Michael Gruver##imported-end##

April 20, 2013 at 04:25 AM



“ Although I only briefly knew Desiree, she was an inspiration to lady riders!
May comfort be found in knowing how she touched the lives of others##imported-begin##Laura Harris##imported-end##

April 18, 2013 at 02:11 PM



“ *Connie, Kasey and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Robin Fazende Goude###imported-begin##Robin Fazende Goude###imported-end##

April 17, 2013 at 06:48 PM



“ *Dear Dezy,*

I had a great time with you in art class. I can't believe I was. able to be with you through the whole quarter.Even with everyone wanting art class, I was there. And yet you having all these great people around you, you picked me and 5 other people to be in the art competition to represent the whole school.You are and always will be my favorite teacher, no you are the best teacher I have ever had and will have.Also, that competition was so fun and you supported us all the way. I'm going to miss you teaching art because you were the #1 reason why art class was so fun.We are all going to miss you, teachers and students,Dezy Sunford

*Love, one of your newest friends,
Payley M. Plunk###imported-begin##Payley M. Plunk###imported-end##*

April 17, 2013 at 01:22 AM



“ Mrs.senford was a verry nice teacher she tought me how to draw hiroglifics.she alsı subsatutid my class and she was the best subsitute we ever had.its very sad that she passed away.ill miss her.##imported-begin##jenna hegge##imported-end##

April 16, 2013 at 11:53 PM



“ I really do not know how to express what has been going through my mind since I heard what happened to you, Desi. It's unfathomable, tragic, and horrible. The world has suffered an incredible loss. I only wish more people were able to know you while you were alive. However, we never ceased to find something to talk about, things to rage about or things to endlessly laugh about. As I write this I'm saddened by the fact that even though we'd been friends for years we still had so much more to learn about each other. But I am comforted with the knowledge that you were awesome, dude, and I was lucky enough to know you. I love you, Desi, save me a seat in Heaven, okay?##imported-begin##Jennifer Bell##imported-end##

April 16, 2013 at 08:06 PM



“ Desiree will be missed. She had a beautiful talent with her art. My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Lori Ruff##imported-end##

April 15, 2013 at 03:56 PM



“ Dezy, you may never know how many peoples' lives you have blessed.You will surely be missed!##imported-begin##Rob Blouch##imported-end##

April 14, 2013 at 02:59 AM



“ Kathy Kast and Family - April 13th, 2013 at 7:28pm - Email
Our little Angel will be laid to rest this week but our love and memories will always live on. From the time you were born and through family dinners, holidays, 4-H and camping trips. We always loved having you come along. You were beautiful, happy and full of fun. Our family will always miss you and know you are at peace now with your Daddy, who loved you dearly, Echo, Uncle Larry, Uncle Curt and Uncle Terry. Along with Desiree's Grandpa and Grandma Ruff and Grandpa and Grandma Kast. Our family mourns for you and you will always be in our heart and prayers. You will always be our shining star and we will always love you forever in our hearts. Love Aunt Kathy and family###imported-begin##Aunt Kathy Kast and family###imported-end##

April 14, 2013 at 12:41 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you and your family during this very difficult time.###imported-begin##Karen Drescher###imported-end##

April 13, 2013 at 01:05 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about the tragedy your family experienced. I enjoyed Desi's company on several occasions and will miss her.###imported-begin##Fran###imported-end##

April 13, 2013 at 11:33 AM



“ I am going to miss Desiree so much! I was just getting to know her better this year at work. She was always so upbeat and cheerful and fun to be around. She had an awesome sense of humor. I remember being in the 6th grade wing with her on CUF night cracking jokes with her and Michelle. What a comedy team! Wapato Middle School has lost a very special teacher. The art projects she planned for her students were so creative and wonderful. She inspired the students and brought out their creativity. My condolences to her family. Feeling the loss after knowing her for such a short time, I can't begin to imagine your pain. You are in my prayers that God will see you through this tough time.##imported-begin##Mitzi Gilbert##imported-end##

April 12, 2013 at 07:51 PM



“ I would like to pass along my heart felt thanks to the family of Desiree for having afforded me the opportunity to have got to know this fine young woman through her attendance of MLHS. Her demeanor was always so pleasant and supportive of others. Her school, family and friends will surely be hurting when remembering this beautiful person that has graced all of our lives. I grieve profoundly with Scott and the rest of you. I will miss you Ms. Tweety. May you ride with the angels. Mr. "M"##imported-begin##Jack T. McLauchlan##imported-end##

April 12, 2013 at 07:29 PM



“ *Desiree had such a happiness about her. She greeted everyone with a great big smile and a , "How ya doing?" You couldn't help but smile back or leave a conversation with her without feeling better. She went out of her way to be a true friend. Desiree was never judge mental and you could share anything with her. We will miss her cute and inspirational Monday e-mails and her coming to our rooms and us all laughing about the silliest stuff. Desiree had a way of knowing when all the fun stuff was happening around town and made sure we were invited. She was a true friend both in and out of work. We will miss you.##imported-begin##Molly Mondor and Michelle Howell##imported-end##*

April 12, 2013 at 04:39 PM



“ *From a beautiful baby to a delightful young woman, you lit up our lives, you will be greatly missed. To your family & friends, our deepest sympathy at your loss. Rest in Peace Desiree.##imported-begin##Esther & Tim Palmer##imported-end##*

April 12, 2013 at 03:33 AM



“ *Connie and Kasey, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you! The Alfaro Family##imported-begin##Luis, Trina, Carlos, Louie and Adriana##imported-end##*

April 11, 2013 at 08:32 PM



“ *My thoughts are of you, my prayers are for you and my heart is with you all. Rest in peace with your daddy Keith's arms around you.##imported-begin##Judie Meek##imported-end##*

April 11, 2013 at 08:20 PM



“ My thoughts are of you, my prayers are for you and my heart and thoughts are with you all. Rest in peace with your daddy Keith's arms around you.##imported-begin##Judie Meek##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 08:19 PM



“ Dez, where do I begin..we started our friendship about 8 years ago. Scott would come stay at our house on drill weekends and he kept saying "I've got to get you guys together"...I talked to you a few times on the phone before I got the chance to meet you face to face at at CVMA campout. We became instant friends and grew closer as time passed. I enjoyed our "girl sessions" so much. I will miss your bright smile, sweet personality, wise crack comments, and our girl talks. You made me laugh, smile, and even cry. I cherish the stories you told me, don't worry I won't tell. You were an inspiration to so many people and touched many more lives. I feel very priviledged and honored to be your "friend" and will miss you deeply. I pray you ride with the angels and lead us all to safety. Rest in Peace my friend. I Love You!!

Scott my heart aches for you. You and Dez hold a special place in my heart. She was taken away to soon. I know she Loved you with her whole heart and soul, she told me that many times. I pray you find peace and comfort from family and friends. You and Dez had a special Love that can't be taken away! I am very honored to be your friend too! You make me laugh, smile and shake my head every time we meet. Please remember we are here for you whenever you need us. We are only a phone call or a few miles away. I love you my bear hug friend!! I will cherish every moment we all spent together, and look forward to many more in the future. May your "Guardian Angel" always guide and light your way.##imported-begin##Arlene Johnson##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 04:39 PM



“ Connie and Kasey, I was shocked to see Dez's obituary. I can't imagine what you are going through but want you to know that Clayton, Megan, and I send our deepest condolences from Texas. May God wrap His loving arms around you and the entire family. You will be in our thoughts and prayer.##imported-begin##Dawn Viebrock##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 02:07 PM



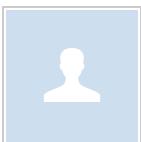
“ Desi you will be missed. Words cannot describe the sadness I feel knowing I won't see your beautiful smile just one more time. We love you Scott and will always be here for you.##imported-begin##Tammy Skelton##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 09:16 AM



“ Too young, too soon. I will never ever forget you.##imported-begin##Tanya Boyd (Edie)##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 04:36 AM



“ Desiree will always be chevydez on my computer and I will always remember the late night talks both online and in person in college. We have laughed a lot together and I will never forget her. I wish I could make it to the funeral myself but I live on the other side of the state. My thoughts and prayers are with all who knew her and especially her family. Love ya forever my friend, you will live on in my heart.##imported-begin##Elizabeth Weaver##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 01:54 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all at this time. Dezi was a beautiful and intelligent woman with so much life to live! It is tragic that her life was taken so soon, too soon. We will keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Brittany and Mike Gies##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 01:06 AM



“ Connie, Scott and Kasey, you are all in our broken hearts and prayers for strength and healing for our loss of Desiree. A beautiful person indeed.##imported-begin##Terry & Edie##imported-end##

April 11, 2013 at 12:16 AM



“ Connie and family we are so sorry to hear about your loss of Desiree. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this tragic time.
Larry and Debbie Holterhoff##imported-begin##Larry and Debbie Holterhoff##imported-end##

April 10, 2013 at 10:02 PM



“ Desiree, I can't believe something so tragic could happen to such a sweet person. I will always remember the good times we had in and out of school!Prayers and big hugs go to Connie, Kasey and Scott.##imported-begin##Stephanie Brock (Johnson)##imported-end##

April 10, 2013 at 08:40 PM



“ my heart is broken to know that moses lake lost another wonderful person. i still cant believe she is gone. i would like to let the family know that i would love to help in any way i can. desiree you will be missed.###imported-begin###brooke###imported-end##

April 10, 2013 at 05:44 PM



“ So sad and hurtful to hear your gone at such a young age..u had ur life ahead of u. Truly sorry for your loss Kast and Sunford family..she was such a nice girl, I remember in school. My thoughts and condolences to ur whole family. :(###imported-begin###Becky Madrigales ###imported-end##

April 10, 2013 at 05:41 PM



“ I can't believe that you are gone. I will miss you so much. It is so hard to understand this that you won't be here. I will miss your smile and all that is you. I love you so very much. Love Aunt Ruby###imported-begin###Aunt Ruby###imported-end##

April 10, 2013 at 02:13 PM



“ We are truly saddened by the news of Desirees untimely death. You are in our thoughts. It is difficult to comprehend what has happened. I hope there will be a resolution so that you can have some peace.

Don###imported-begin###Don and Betsy Ruff###imported-end##

April 10, 2013 at 11:44 AM



“ *What a tragic loss for such a young woman. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Connie, Kasey and Scott. Rest in Peace, Desiree.##imported-begin##John & Cheryl Guffey##imported-end##*

April 10, 2013 at 10:16 AM



“ *Connie, our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Bob and Charlotte Davis##imported-end##*

April 10, 2013 at 09:00 AM



“ *I will miss you Dez. I don't think you knew how much you touched my heart and how much you mean to me. I will miss your beautiful smile and laugh. I will always remember the great times we had together. Your memory will forever be with us all.##imported-begin##Kayla White##imported-end##*

April 10, 2013 at 03:59 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss!! We will truly miss Desiree!! This is such a tragedy for all who knew her. We are praying for you all in this time of sorrow. May God be with you!##imported-begin##Guy & Shirley McConchie##imported-end##*

April 10, 2013 at 02:21 AM



“ My heart goes out to your mother and father for this monstrous tragic end for you. You were always smiling and never had anything mean to say about anyone. I'll miss laughing about your crazy students and waiting a motorcycle vicariously through you. Shine bright angel. Sleep in heavens arms.##imported-begin##Tabitha Jaques##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 11:48 PM



“ I will miss you Dezi!! Love you!!##imported-begin##Jennifer Boone##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 09:23 PM



“ A beautiful lady that will be greatly missed. The entire family continues to be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Lisa Ruff##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 08:33 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and all the friends during this time of loss.
Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie Polhamus##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 06:58 PM



“ You made a difference in the lives you touched and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Cheri Daniels##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 06:54 PM



“ Desi, I miss you so much! You were a wonderful and bright friend. I am honored to have been part of your life and you mine. You were an amazing role model to not only Angel but to all the kids you taught. I pray you are at peace my friend. I will never ever forget you. I love you! I look forward to the bumps in the night!! You promised. Lol
Rest In Peace Desipoo!! I love you!##imported-begin##Melanie Mcpheeters##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 06:38 PM



“ u will be truly missed.##imported-begin##steve marcher##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 06:00 PM



“ Dezi RIP beautiful you are and always will be a great friend. I'm praying for your husband and family. Your an Angel now looking after all of us. I love you Dez and your in my heart and thoughts.##imported-begin##Sarah Bradford##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 05:54 PM



“ Dez I cant believe you are gone. you were taken to early. I know you are up there drawing pictures for your family and students. love you and i am glad that i got to know you in school. :(##imported-begin##Crystal Greable##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 05:47 PM



“ I love you, Dez. ##imported-begin##Jessica Traphagan##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 03:38 PM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Dezi!! My heart breaks! Praying God comforts you through these trying times and know she's in our eternal home looking down upon us all. ##imported-begin##Royalanne Hector##imported-end##

April 09, 2013 at 02:56 PM