



Nicole Ann Neely Hike

November 20, 1974 - July 11, 2014

Nicole Ann Neely Hike, R.N., passed away suddenly on July 11, 2014. Born in Meadowbrook, PA, Nicole was 39 years old. She was a resident of Maple Shade, NJ.

Nicole was employed as a registered nurse for Underwood Memorial Hospital/Inspira Health Care, Woodbury, NJ.

Loving mother of the late Craig and the late Kevin Hike. Beloved daughter of Ronald A. and Helen B. (nee Byrne) Neely. Sister of Ronald (Lise) Neely and John (Lori) Neely. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and many close friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Nicole's Life Celebration Gathering Wednesday evening 7-9 p.m. and Thursday 9-10 a.m. at Inglesby/Givnish of Maple Shade, 600 East Main Street. Her Funeral Mass will follow 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Maple Shade. Interment, alongside her children, will take place at Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Hospital for Children, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105 www.stjude.org.

Nicole Ann Neely Hike's Eulogy, written and read by her brother, Ron Neely, at her funeral on Thursday, July 17, 2014:

Those of us who knew my sister – those of us who loved her - knew Nicole loved to talk. Yes Nikki would talk about pretty much anything - and talk - and talk. Yet it is hard to find words to describe her. Nicole also intently listened. At many of our large family gatherings she would make a point to speak with each of us and take genuine interest in what we had to say: whether she was asking Mark about his art and bikes, or Melissa about her dreams, teasing my Dad, or listening about some difficult time we were going through. She always responded with a genuine, generous, and giving heart. Deep in our hearts we most want to ask her what she would say today – and would give anything to hear her voice reply.

Nicole faced so many challenges in life. And in each of them she always found her way through to the sunshine that holds the clouds in the sky. At an early age Nicole had epilepsy which made school difficult for her – but Nicole decided she was going to be a Registered Nurse and she worked hard her whole life and achieved it – graduating 2nd in her class at the Helene Fuld School of Nursing. And as a nurse she cared tenderly for her patients and made it a priority to treat them with respect and compassion. And, as many of her friends can attest, this was more important to Nikki than rules or operating procedures.

When Nicole was born she was such a beautiful baby. My mother and father watched her grow into a beautiful woman. She will be in their hearts and they will miss her forever.

Nicole wanted above all things to be a mother and to share her love and compassion with children of her own. She worked with fertility doctors and willed into being her two sons: Craig and Kevin – each of whom died shortly after they were born. This could easily be more than anyone could bear. Yet Nicole found words in a poem she wrote:

“Our Angel”

We close our eyes and see your precious face
With hopes and dreams for a long, warm embrace
To touch and to hold you
To rock you to sleep
In our hearts and minds we will always keep
Open our eyes and you are gone
To heaven is now where you belong
Where God will shine upon you loving face
Protect and keep you in his warm embrace
Where angels praise and guide us along our way
We love and will miss you is all we can say.
With a promise we will be there with you some day.

Nicole. When we close our eyes we see your precious face. We know you always keep your promises, and we know that you are now in heaven with your sons whom you loved so much. We love you. We will miss you. And unlike the time when you were small and mom told you were not allowed out – there will be no hiding and getting stuck inside the clothes washer. Mom found you and started laughing, and you said “It’s not funny. It’s hot in here.” Mom thought we would have to call the fire department to get you out. All of the sudden you flipped around and mom got you out. And unlike your first fashion show where Aunt Angie made you beautiful outfits including a blue and white two piece bathing suit you will now have strut your beauty inside our hearts. While you liked Donny and Marie so much so that when you were 4 you wore purple socks and chanted “we want Donny, we want Donny” all by yourself when waiting for Donny and Marie to come on stage at the concert our parents took us to - I remember most of all - your first and favorite musical was Annie.

I don't know how many of you remember 8 track tapes. Somehow these tapes would just keep playing forever and ever. Well my mom bought Nicole an 8 track of Annie and she played it over and over again for days and weeks at a time. It drove me and my brother nuts. She would have her friends over and they would all sing it together. The song "Tomorrow" was Nicole's theme song. It was the love and hope of it that she wanted most for herself and each of us. And it is what she would want to come true for all of us. So Nicole this song is for you. Please join me in lifting our voices in tribute to Nicole. The words are printed in your Program for Mass.

"Tomorrow"

The sun'll come out tomorrow.

Bet your bottom dollar that tomorrow, there'll be sun!

Just thinkin' about tomorrow

Clears away the cobwebs and the sorrow, 'til there's none!

When I'm stuck with a day that's gray and lonely

I just stick out my chin and grin and say:

Oh! The sun'll come out tomorrow,

So you got to hang on till tomorrow, come what may!

Tomorrow, tomorrow, I love ya tomorrow you're always a day a way!

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Oh! I got to hang on till tomorrow, come what may!

Tomorrow, tomorrow, I love ya tomorrow you're always a day a way!

Tomorrow, tomorrow, I love ya tomorrow you're only a day away!

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Memorial Park

1300 Route 130 North
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Maple Shade
600 E Main St
Maple Shade, NJ 08052
(856) 779-7900
info@givnish.com
<https://www.givnish.com>

Visitation

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Mass

JUL 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
236 E. Main St. at S. Fellowship Rd.
Maple Shade, NJ 08052

Burial

JUL 17 (ET)

Lakeview Memorial Park
1300 Route 130 North
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicole Ann Neely Hike*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Bill & Elaine Hart & Family lit a candle in memory of Nicole Ann Neely Hike*



Bill & Elaine Hart & Family - January 02, 2015 at 07:24 AM



Dear Ron & Helen, we are so sorry for your loss. God bless her.

Bill & Elaine Hart - January 02, 2015 at 07:43 AM



“ *I am so saddened to hear of Nikki's passing. She was such a sweet lady, always helpful and just plain nice to me, here at Inspira. I will miss her.*

Dawn Norcross

dawn norcross - July 25, 2014 at 08:18 PM

MB

“ I'm a nurse at Inspira. I had only been a nurse for about 6 months and was pulled to work on Nikki's floor. Toward end of shift (when everything always go haywire) I had a patient in need of physical assistance. I was not comfortable with orthopedic patients plus this was going to be a two person job so I asked Nikki for help. She stopped everything and not only helped me (and the grateful patient) but she explained and taught me while we were together. I didn't get the chance to see her much, but as a new nurse I will always be grateful for her help and her Attitude that day:)

Meggie Borkowski - July 24, 2014 at 07:38 PM

TI

“ Tina lit a candle in memory of Nicole Ann Neely Hike



Tina - July 20, 2014 at 06:31 PM

RO

“ Rose lit a candle in memory of Nicole Ann Neely Hike



rose - July 17, 2014 at 08:46 AM

KB

“ Dear Helen and Kathleen,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Kathy Burrows - July 16, 2014 at 09:03 AM

AA

“ *Aun Angie lit a candle in memory of Nicole Ann Neely Hike*



Aun Angie - July 16, 2014 at 08:49 AM

NC

“ *What a beautiful person inside and out. Nicole was very supportive and just a kind heart. You will be missed a great deal. Xoxo*

nina cartagena - July 16, 2014 at 06:19 AM

KK

“ *I only remember her as a small child. Cindy and I feel so saddened for Ron & Helen and our entire "extended" Byrne family. There is nothing we can do to help with the pain. Just know we do care and the entire Byrne family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kelly Knowland - July 16, 2014 at 03:30 AM

EB

“ *Elana Brenner lit a candle in memory of Nicole Ann Neely Hike*



Elana Brenner - July 15, 2014 at 12:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nicole Ann Neely Hike.



July 15, 2014 at 12:30 PM



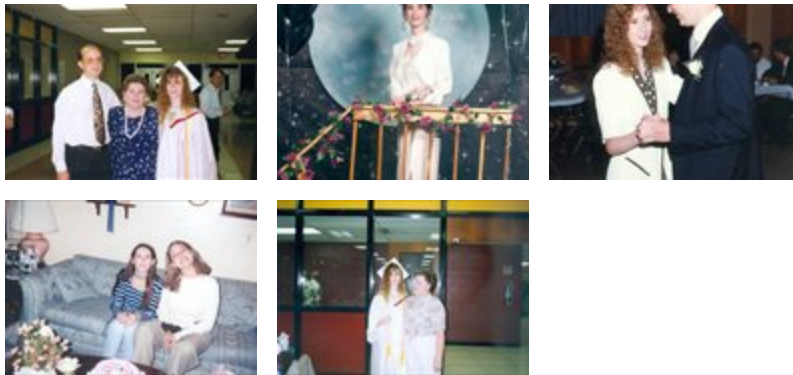
“ Brian Devone lit a candle in memory of Nicole Ann Neely Hike



Brian Devone - July 15, 2014 at 11:53 AM



“ 51 files added to the album Memories Album



Givnish Funeral Home - July 15, 2014 at 11:43 AM

RA

“ Rachel lit a candle in memory of Nicole Ann Neely Hike



Rachel - July 15, 2014 at 10:17 AM

MY

“ Nikki was my high school senior trip buddy. We had a blast. She was so funny on all the rides. We couldn't stop laughing. Her smile would make u smile notated what mood you were in. RIP Nikki

Megan Dotson Yacona - July 15, 2014 at 06:00 AM

KA

“ John and Lori we are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Gerry and Kathy Wilson

Kathy - July 15, 2014 at 05:49 AM

KD

“ Dear Aunt Helen I am praying for you & your family during this very sad time. God is with you... Katie Down

katie down - July 15, 2014 at 03:58 AM

RO

“ Robin lit a candle in memory of Nicole Ann Neely Hike



Robin - July 14, 2014 at 09:19 PM

MC

“ I am so deeply saddened to hear about Nicole's passing. I worked on the same floor as her on night shift. Nikki was an amazing nurse and such a kind person. My thoughts are with you all.

Monica Covotta - July 14, 2014 at 07:00 PM



“ Guardian Angel Memorial Framed Art was purchased for the family of Nicole Ann Neely Hike.



July 14, 2014 at 05:28 PM

PE

“ John - I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Paige Edwards - July 14, 2014 at 03:54 PM

RA

“ We here at Inspira hospital staff in the ER are so heart broken for you loss. Nikki We will miss your smile and your soft spoken voice. Prayers will be with your family . R.I.P. Nikki.

Rayniece Artis - July 14, 2014 at 02:47 PM

DL

“ Ron & family,

So sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.



Deacon John Luko - July 14, 2014 at 02:13 PM

TC

“ *Ron and Family so very very sorry for your loss. So heartbreaking.
Tony and Linda Cuva*

Tony and Linda Cuva - July 14, 2014 at 02:10 PM

TG

*Pat and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with
you. Teresa and Dave Goll*

Teresa Goll - July 14, 2014 at 07:08 PM

AR

“ *Amanda Rainieri lit a candle in memory of
Nicole Ann Neely Hike*



Amanda Rainieri - July 14, 2014 at 01:43 PM

Susan
Carroll

“ *Dear Ron and Lise,
I'm so sorry for your sudden loss. My heart
goes out to you in this mournful time.*



Susan Carroll - July 14, 2014 at 12:28 PM

LG

“*Nicole, you are a beautiful sweet soul and a cherished friend. Your infectious laugh will always be in my heart. When we became friends in nursing school, I knew I had a friend for life. Your large circle of loyal, loving family and friends are testimony to what a loving and giving person you were. Even in your own times of grief you reached out with love to others. I am heartbroken. I will miss you my friend. - I am praying for peace for your family and all those you touched. - Lisa*

Lisa Gillespie - July 14, 2014 at 10:51 AM

HD

“*Heather Dyer lit a candle in memory of Nicole Ann Neely Hike*



heather dyer - July 14, 2014 at 10:04 AM

CB

“*Ron and Lise- We send our love to you an all who hold Nicole dear in their hearts. We send light to lead you to peace. Heartfelt condolences. Charlotte, Brandon, Emerson, Reeve & Theodora Baldassari*

Charlotte Baldassari - July 14, 2014 at 09:35 AM