



Ashley Marie Kropf

December 26, 1996 - July 6, 2020

Ashley Marie Kropf was born in Albany, Oregon on December 26th, 1996. Ashley grew up in Brownsville Oregon with her parents Ernie Kropf and Barbara (Miller) Kropf, and her siblings Stephanie (Kropf) Kemper and Colton Kropf. She also gained a new brother when Stephanie married Nathaniel Kemper in 2014 and a niece, Vivian Joy Kemper, in 2017. She began dating Jeff Fantus in March of this year.

Ashley worked as a rural mail carrier in Corvallis Oregon and had just completed her first year there, but, with a love for travel and photography, her dream job was to take pictures for National Geographic.

She had a passion for Jesus and living her life for Him. Her mornings were spent on the living room couch (before the rest of the house was awake) listening to her bible app, drinking her coffee, and journaling. As an active member at Hope Church in Albany Oregon, she had a heart for service and was involved in several different facets of ministry. On April 19, 2018 she was baptized and from then on, referred to this date as her "Birthday."

She loved people, coffee, music, photography, silly earrings and purses, and

all forms of art. She was known by many for her kind spirit, her infectious laughter, and her creative ability to do all things crafty. The type of project and her experience level were irrelevant. If she had never done before, she would either find instructions or figure it out herself. From restoring furniture, to sewing, to making sheet music flowers for her sister's wedding.

Ashley had a Blog called A Joyful Heart. In one of her posts, she wrote:
"I have grown so much in my spiritual journey here. I've learned the value that God has placed on my life. I've learned that my life has purpose. I've learned that I have a job that God made me specifically to do... but most importantly, I've learned that I am never alone. Being alone has always been my greatest fear, but I have learned that, with God, there's no such thing as alone. He has always, is always, and will ALWAYS be with you. 'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand.' Isaiah 41:10 "

Ashley went to be with her Lord and Savior on July 6th, 2020. Her huge faith that spilled over into every aspect of her life is what gives her family and friends a hope and confidence that they will see her again..

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“ As the midwife who was honored to bring her into the world I am deeply saddened to hear of this terrible tradgy. You and your extended family are in my prayers. May God give you the strength to go on knowing where she's gone to.

Carol Severson - July 21, 2020 at 10:29 AM

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“ Sending my deepest sympathy to you Ernie and family. My heart aches for you and the pain you are going through. Praying daily for you all.

Love,
Debie Wyne

Debie Wyne - July 10, 2020 at 04:05 PM

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“ To the friends and family, we are shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Ashley Marie.

My husband and I met Ashley in Hawaii in 2019, while we volunteered there, and spent 3 months in community with her. Ashley and I spend a few great afternoons on the beach painting in our sketchbooks together. I remember her so well. She was very authentic, honest, funny, creative and joyful to be around. One Tuesday evening when the group was together, there was an invitation for anyone to speak at the microphone. Ashley got up and told us how she was so disappointed initially when she got stuck with the volunteer job of doing the dishes everyday, the 'dishpit.' But then she went on to tell us that it ended up being the best, because she made some great friends working there. Many of us were in tears listening to her speak that night. She knew how to speak the truth. Ashley hugged me on our last day in Hawaii, and then said through her tears, "I just like you." We laughed together at that. May the peace of Christ, which goes beyond anything we can understand, comfort you at this time.

Judy Taylor - July 08, 2020 at 03:10 PM