

Francesca Maiano-Pearson



On Wednesday, February 18, 2004, Francesca Maiano-Pearson passed away at St. Peter's Hospital at the age of 26. She passed away as a result of a 6-year bout with pulmonary fibrosis.

Francesca was born in Rho, Italy on March 18, 1977 to Luciano and Claudia Maiano. While in school, Francesca gained much experience with languages and children. In 1996 she met her future husband, Brent Pearson, in Italy when her choir hosted a visiting orchestra from Western Washington University. The couple were married 2 years later and moved to Olympia. Over the next 5 and a half years, Francesca used her talents as she worked as a behavioral health specialist at South Bay Elementary School and as an instructor of Italian language and cuisine at South Puget Sound Community College. Francesca quickly became well-known throughout the community, touching numerous lives with her warm smile and friendly disposition. She will always be remembered for the way she "lit up a room" with her exuberant personality and sense of humor. She became an important member of our community, and will be deeply missed by everyone who had the opportunity to know her. Besides her parents and husband, Francesca is survived by her sister, Cecilia, and her newborn son, Daniel Simone, born Friday, February 6, 2004.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2004, at Sacred Heart Church in Lacey. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a trust fund for the Pearson family at Venture Bank.