

*A Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer, Diego was born and raised in the Olympia area. After graduating from high school, he ventured to warmer climates in Los Angeles, California where he received an Associates in Mortuary Science from Cypress College and a bachelor's in Business and Leadership from Concordia University, Irvine. He started working in the funeral industry at the age of 16 as a funeral attendant and errand runner at White-Emerson Mortuary in Whittier, California. It was the combination of art and science along with the fulfillment that comes from helping others in the community through their grief that motivated Diego to pursue his career in the funeral industry. Diego then returned to the Pacific North West to work at Columbia Funeral Home in Seattle, Washington, where he worked as a Funeral Director and Embalmer until 2013 when he left for a four-year adventure in Chile. He has since returned to the Pacific Northwest and now manages an outstanding team at Haven of Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park in Gig Harbor, Washington. He loves being in the outdoors, cooking (and eating!) spicy food, playing with technology, and exploring the locales near and far with his family.*

Let me know if you have any questions!

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