



# Soul Searching

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## **Soul Searching**

**Medium:** Graphite and watercolor

### **Artist Statement:**

When a loved one passes, their presence is replaced by the sorrow and grief of those who remember them. This mourning continues until the second death, the final memory of that individual. My pieces reflect what those loved ones leave behind and the process of forgetting their legacy.

So far my pieces focus on individuals in my life that have directly impacted my perception of the second death. After passing, their legacy has been carried on through stories and relationships. My pieces show their tangible being and how they were seen when they were here with us, as well as what they left behind. I hope to investigate further into the emotion that comes with losing someone. By doing so, I can dive deeper into the process of forgetting and learn what it takes for someone to be remembered.

### **Description:**

My great grandfather passed long before I was born. Though I do not have any direct memories of him, his legacy has been carried on through the stories my family has shared and the poetry journals he kept. I resonate with his appreciation of nature and his relationship with friends and family. By keeping the memory of him alive, we have preserved his life and prevented his second death. This portrait portrays his peaceful demeanor and his connection with the natural world. I used contrasting materials of graphite and watercolor to show the separation between his soul and body.

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