



Justin Michael Atwell

August 6, 1987 - November 25, 2023

Justin Michael Atwell, 36, of Saint Paul, Minnesota passed away from a sudden cardiac event on November 25th, 2023 in Glendive, Montana. Born on August 6th, 1987, Justin came into the world with a bang, breaking his mother, Sue Atwell's, tailbone. Adored by his big sister, Dawn Kingstad and the biggest protector of his little brother, Derek Atwell, Justin flourished in his hometown of Glendive, where he was well known for his love of music, martial arts, theater, high school sports, volunteer work, and youth group activities. Voted "Most Talented" by his high school class of 2006, Justin was a friend to all, always known for extending a welcoming hand. Justin wanted everyone to know that they were important and belonged.

His intelligence, wit, and approachability followed him across the country. From North Dakota State University for his bachelor and doctorate degrees and Iowa State University for his Master's, Justin touched so many lives. One of his favorite hobbies during this time was writing and performing music as Stickfigure Biography. Beyond music, it was his greatest pride to say that he was a professor at The University of Colorado-Boulder, where he served on various committees, mentored countless students, and made lifelong friends. The only thing Justin loved more than being an educator was being an uncle. Justin was so proud of his nephews, David and Duncan Kingstad. He loved nothing more than sharing about their prowess at DnD, how they always beat him in MarioKart, and their fearlessness to be their true selves. On their weekly facetime calls, he always wanted to know about their adventures and

what they were learning that week in school, and, most especially, what book they were reading.

Justin married the love of his life, Meghann, on September 15th, 2023 in Faribault, Minnesota. While they were only married for 71 days, they were committed to one another for over seven years. Not many folks thought that two people 7 hours apart and working towards graduate degrees was the best idea for a long-term relationship, but both of them were too stubborn to listen to anything but their hearts. Their cats, Daphne, Louise, and Winnie, made their hearts so full each and every day.

Justin leaves behind his wife, Meghann Atwell, of Saint Paul, Minnesota, his mother, Sue Atwell, his brother, Derek Atwell, his sister, Dawn Kingstad, his brother-in-law, Clint, and his two nephews, David and Duncan Kingstad, all of Glendive, Montana, along with his beloved aunt, Elsa Banyai, of Fairview, Montana. He also leaves behind his father, Russ Atwell, of Glendive, Montana and brother, John Atwell, of Sheridan, Wyoming. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Freddie and Loraine Haase, and his paternal grandparents, John and Genevieve Atwell.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at the United Methodist Church in Glendive with Pastor Logan Henderson officiating. Lunch will be served after the service. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

United Methodist Church
206 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Prayers for Justin's family. I only attended NDSU for one year. It wasn't a good experience for me. But the reason I'm sharing is because when I look back in that one year, Justin jumps out at me. I didn't feel like I belonged at NDSU in the program I was in. I had just lost my Mom. I didn't tell anyone. But Justin was one of those people who knew who needed a friend. Justin, I can't tell how much that friendship meant to me. To understand me and say, "Just do your best, it's all you can do." meant so much to me. I want to share a poem for you, Justin and say thank you for that friendship. Rest in peace.

Success

*To laugh often and much; to win
the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children; to
earn the appreciation of honest critics and
endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate the beauty;
to find the best in others;
to leave the world a bit better,
whether by a healthy child,
a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
to know even on life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Lisa Short Bull - December 25, 2023 at 02:55 PM

BK

“ *Bernie Knoll sent a virtual gift in memory of Justin Atwell*



Bernie Knoll - December 15, 2023 at 05:33 PM

AS

“ *Anne Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Justin Atwell*



Anne Sadorf - December 02, 2023 at 12:06 AM

SB

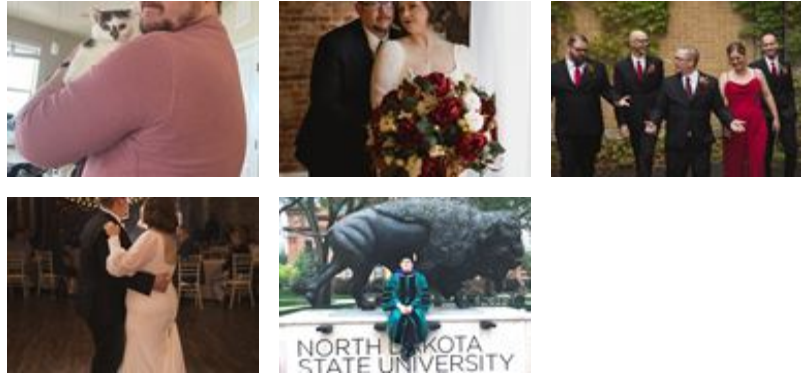
“ *Sharon Bain lit a candle in memory of Justin Atwell*



Sharon Bain - November 29, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Silha Funeral Home - November 29, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ Jeff and Evie Paukert purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Justin Michael Atwell.



Jeff and Evie Paukert - November 29, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss of your brother Dawn.

NANCY KORB - November 29, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ NANCY KORB lit a candle in memory of Justin Atwell



NANCY KORB - November 29, 2023 at 10:48 AM

AH

“ And Grandpa Harvey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Justin Michael Atwell.

And Grandpa Harvey - November 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM

AH

“ And Grandpa Harvey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Justin Michael Atwell.



And Grandpa Harvey - November 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM

DS

“ Sue, Russ and family: We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Justin...what an amazing life he had. May the special memories you made together help you through this difficult time.
Deanne and Leroy Steiner

Deanne/Leroy Steiner - November 28, 2023 at 08:40 PM

RB

“ Rick Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of Justin Atwell



Rick and Karen Berg - November 28, 2023 at 07:17 PM

IR

“ Dawn,
I am so sorry to read of the loss of your brother. Please accept my sincere condolences. Prayers for your family.
Irene (Fabian) Reynolds

Irene Reynolds - November 28, 2023 at 05:19 PM

MK

“ *i am so very sorry.. i remember him from such a young age and watched as he grew up! He sure did love his family!!! Hold those memories close, I will have you all in my thoughts and prayers.*



Melissa Kwasney - November 28, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Justin Michael Atwell.*



November 28, 2023 at 01:29 PM

DV

“ *Our prayers are with all of you at this difficult time* 🙏



Deb Pete Vogel - November 27, 2023 at 05:41 PM

DJ

“ Sue, we are so sorry.
Hold onto your special memories. They do
help you.



Dixie and Bob Justice - November 27, 2023 at 04:49 PM

DB

“ My condolences to you and your family and
friends at this difficult time. In my thoughts and
prayers.



Denise Bortrager - November 27, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Justin Michael Atwell.



November 27, 2023 at 03:52 PM

SB

“ Stacey B lit a candle in memory of Justin
Atwell



Stacey B - November 27, 2023 at 02:14 PM

BT

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Justin's passing. Cherish your Memories!
RIP
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton*

Becky Tipton - November 27, 2023 at 12:35 PM

HB

“ *Heidi Boyce/Siegle lit a candle in memory of
Justin Atwell*



Heidi Boyce/Siegle - November 27, 2023 at 12:13 PM

HB

“ *Heidi Boyce/Siegle sent a virtual gift in memory
of Justin Atwell*



Heidi Boyce/Siegle - November 27, 2023 at 12:12 PM

PG

“ *Paula Gorder sent a virtual gift in memory of
Justin Atwell*



Paula Gorder - November 27, 2023 at 11:35 AM

FI

“ From Precision Associates, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Justin Michael Atwell.

From Precision Associates, Inc. - November 27, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Justin Michael Atwell.



November 27, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Cindy Gregory lit a candle in memory of Justin Atwell



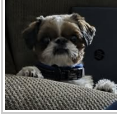
Cindy Gregory - November 27, 2023 at 12:03 AM

SG

“ Susan Dennis Germann lit a candle in memory of Justin Atwell



Susan and Dennis Germann - November 26, 2023 at 01:31 PM



Sue and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Please if you need anything please let me know.

Toni Goroski - November 27, 2023 at 01:48 AM

JH

Dear Susie and family--I can't even imagine the state of your heart right now. Praying God will hold you close and that your pain will be lessened when those good memories spring up, if just for a moment. Wish I could give you a hug. Thinking of you all. You must have been so proud of him!

JoJo Jonutis Herem - November 29, 2023 at 04:03 PM

NS

Sue and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I share your pain. Prayers for all of you.

norma shearer - November 29, 2023 at 07:50 PM