



## Justin J. Halbgewachs

February 20, 1971 - September 2, 2020

Justin J. Halbgewachs, 49, of Kearney, passed away on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at his home. Graveside services will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Dannebrog, NE on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. A Memorial service will follow burial at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Cornerstone Berean Church in Kearney with Pastor Kelly Larsen and Pastor Roger Baker. Services will be livestreamed on Youtube at Cornerstone Berean Church Video Stream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR9niWbV9WdMWB4piyOWuEA>

Visitation will be on Friday, September 4, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Justin was born February 20th, 1971 in McAllen, Texas to Pastor Donald and Barbara Halbgewachs. He grew up in a large loving family in a rural home near Willow Island, Nebraska. Always the entrepreneur, Justin had his first business in 5th grade selling handmade crafts. By 8th grade Justin was an accomplished pianist and won many local and state competitions. His specialty was “The Charlie Brown Theme Song.” Justin graduated from Gothenburg High School in 1989.

At the University of Nebraska Justin majored in music and business, composed and performed, and graduated in 1994. In college he met and married his first wife, Julie Swanson of Dannebrog, Nebraska. Shortly after their marriage Justin and Julie started Kearney Moving Service. Justin and Julie had 3 children and served at Cornerstone Berean Church where he was an elder and led worship with his Yamaha Clavinova. Justin was preceded in death by Julie (Swanson) Halbgewachs in 2016.

In 2018 Justin met and married Cherie Holle Waterhouse of Kearney. Justin and Cherie loved serving their family and ministering at Crossroads Rescue Mission and on Facebook to thousands of people with cancer. Together their daily prayer was to share Christ's love and challenge everyone to trust in Jesus. One of Justin's best sayings was, "In 100 years (if you believe in Jesus) we will all be together anyway, so live every day for him."

Justin is survived by his wife Cherie Halbgewachs and their 5 children: Patrice Waterhouse of Kearney, Ally Waterhouse of San Diego CA, Josie Halbgewachs of Maxwell Nebraska, Caleb and Carly Halbgewachs both of Kearney.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Ridge Cemetery

Dannebrog, NE 68831

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-2259  
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

## Graveside Service

SEP 5. 9:30 AM (CT)

Oak Ridge Cemetery  
Dannebrog, NE 68831

## Memorial Service

SEP 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Berean Church  
1004 30th Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68845



# Tribute Wall



“ Justin J. Halbgewachs

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ I still have facebook memories pop up (one did today) from when I shared in the past various videos Justin made for his followers. His words and music continue to inspire and comfort.

Tami Jones  
Florida

Tami Jones - January 26, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ Justin touched my heart with his strength and love for God! FB follower here! Prayers and love to the family & friends! God bless!!

Tiffany Beede - November 11, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ I'm sorry this has taken so long to respond. I didn't know Justin only through the tremendous testimonies he posted on Facebook. I'm so so sorry for his passing. I know he is with the Lord now and that his family and friends will know comfort because of that. will pray for you all.

Barbara Hunt - October 21, 2020 at 12:09 PM

TW

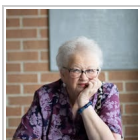
“ Thank you Justin for sharing your story with us. My heart is saddened but I know we will meet again in Heaven. Praying for your precious family.

Teresa Williams - October 01, 2020 at 09:47 AM

LC

“ Sending love and prayers to your family. I followed Justin and his sweet family on Facebook. Justin was such an inspiration to so many of us and helped grow our Christian faith. Our Mom had the same cancer and I so hoped and prayed Justin would be the one to beat it. He truly was a Godly man with a testimony that encouraged us all. May God comfort your family and give you peace in the days to come.

Loretta Church - September 28, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ I knew your family through Facebook. Justin and the rest of you have been a great blessing to me. I discovered y'all after your mother, Justin's first wife, died. My heart broke for you. I rejoiced when Justin remarried. I am so sorry his battle ended this way. I am sorry for y'all, not him. He fought a good fight and kept the faith and has no doubt received many rewards for his faithfulness. I know these days are hard and exhaustion has made it worse. The upcoming holidays will be difficult without him, but I pray you will pull together and draw near to God during these times. I lost my husband to cancer in 2014. My pastor says, "Great grief is a sign of great love." Bless you all. I know it is a trite sounding saying to speak, but truly, if there is anything you need let me know. In Christ,  
Mary Jennings  
Eunice, LA

Mary Jennings - September 25, 2020 at 10:35 AM

BR

“ I have followed Justin’s journey with glioblastoma since 2017 while my own brother was fighting the same cancer. My brother Larry’s journey ended after 3 brain surgeries, chemo , radiation & 13 months. Seeing Justin walk through cancer praising God and thriving for 3 years was such a blessing to me and I believe helped me to heal and grieve. God Bless your family and friends as they celebrate you and grieve your loss.

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**Brenda** - September 14, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ I followed Justin's story on FB. He was such an inspiration and blessing to so many. His love for God was so evident in every post. Praying for peace and comfort for his entire family during this difficult time.

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**Sue Seibel** - September 10, 2020 at 12:57 AM

CR

“ I always enjoyed my time with Justin! He showed us all how to stay focused on what is most important and that is focusing on Jesus! He is with Jesus, who we all desire to be with, and has no pain or suffering. Our condolences to his family.

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**Curtis Rogers** - September 06, 2020 at 09:49 AM

EF

“ So thankful Donny & Barbie that God brought our families together through homeschooling. We are praying for all your family. Justin’s life has brought great glory to God. We love you! Ed & Ginny Steele & family


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**Ed & Ginny Steele & family** - September 05, 2020 at 08:23 PM

DB

“ Justin was a huge inspiration to my sister Arlene who also had Glioblastoma. He gave her and my entire family so much support and strength. My sister lost her battle on April 7th 2018 but Justin continued to give us strength. His videos to home deeply touched me beyond words. Justin had a huge impact on so many lives and we all loved him dearly. He was one of the brightest light in this world and all of us who loved and supported him will keep his light burning. All my prayers and love to Cherie and the entire family. In one of the videos he sent me he said he looked forward to meeting my sister and myself in Heaven one day. I have comfort knowing Justin is helping my sister up there and he did here on earth! 🙏



Donna Bacon - September 05, 2020 at 12:28 PM

 Gabriela Dragomir

“ Dear family,

May you feel the presence and embrace of our loving Father at this time. Please know this is not a loss but a gain in heaven's eyes. Justin has devoted his life to inspire and encourage many of us who are dealing with a family member who has brain tumor. His life is continuing now in an eternal state of joy, happiness, and peace where there is no pain and suffering any longer. I want you to know that you are in my prayers and heart. Let Jesus' love be your healer in the coming days and months.



Gabriela Dragomir - September 05, 2020 at 12:19 PM

JS

*Loved his piano playing.sure miss it. I know something had happened.His cancer must have got him.I know he knew the lord. Prayers for the family. God Bless.*

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**Jackie Schwanz** - September 06, 2020 at 09:02 PM

CG

*Rest in Peace Justin...Prayers for your family!! I am so sorry to hear of Justin's passing.*

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**cathy gaudreault** - September 12, 2020 at 11:37 AM

LA

*Justin, your were such an inspiration spiritually and as a wonderful human being. Thank you for sharing your journey with us and your beautiful music. "Go Rest High On That Mountain....son your work on earth is done!*

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**Linda M Atkins** - September 24, 2020 at 05:51 PM

JF

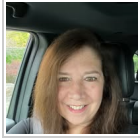
“ *Dear Halbewachs family. we live just two miles North of you when you lived in Willow Island and I always loved your family. Prayers go out to you at this time. Justin had a long hard time with his cancer but kept his faith . Know that he is in heaven and singing with the angels. Hugs to you all.*

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**Jill Franzen** - September 05, 2020 at 12:11 PM

AD

“ *Oh Barby, I'm so sorry for the loss of your precious Son!!!! As Christians we know there will be a time of reunion with our loved ones and I know that will truly be a day of rejoicing for us all! !My prayers are for comfort and peace for you and your family! I think of our days in school and have very fond memories of you and all your family!  
Zepha Lou Green Dorris*

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**allen dorris** - September 05, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Halbewachs family. May you find comfort in knowing Justin is rejoicing with our Lord and may God hold you all tightly in his arms during this difficult time. I've followed Justin's journey on fb for the past few years and it was by no coincidence that I stumbled across his incredible story. I am grateful for the deep messages he conveyed during his journey and even in the hardest of times, he taught me that faith never waivers. May God Bless you all.*

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**Gina Fausel Garcia** - September 04, 2020 at 04:53 PM

EW

“ *EC & Skipper Willmann  
Barby, Donnie & family,  
Our hearts ache for you, we pray you will be lifted by all the love  
and prayers surrounding you today, weeks and months to come.  
Our Love, Skipper & EC*

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**Emil Willmann** - September 04, 2020 at 03:28 PM

PR

“ *To the Halbgewachs family—Praying for you all during your time of loss. May God give you comfort and peace. Hang on to the memories until you meet again*

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**Pam & Mark Rodriguez** - September 04, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Justin J. Halbgewachs.*



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September 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM

KA

“ Mrs. Halbgewachs I am so sad for you and your family. We will be praying for all of you.

*Pastor Butch Allen  
La Ward Baptist Church*

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**Kenneth Allen** - September 04, 2020 at 05:56 AM

MR

“ Our deepest condolences to the whole family! We are praying the Lord strengthens you and provides peace during this time. Justin loved the Lord and touched many lives with his strong faith in God. Sending our love, Youth Pastors Miriam & Roberto from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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**Miriam Rivera** - September 03, 2020 at 11:48 PM

CW

“ Precious Halbgewachs family,  
We are praying for you down here in Lindale Texas! May you feel the comfort of our precious Heavenly Father in a special way. We send a big heart hug to each of you. ((( <3 )))

*Duane & Cyndi Walton*

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**Cyndi Walton** - September 03, 2020 at 09:41 PM

TF

“ Sincerest sympathy to the Halbgewach family. Justin has been such an inspiration to so many over the past few years. His foundation of Faith and support of his family gave Justin comfort through this journey. May you treasure your many fond memories. God bless you! Sending prayers of love and peace 🙏

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**Trudy Else Family** - September 03, 2020 at 08:57 PM

DV

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to all of Justin’s family from Louisiana. I am a better person having known y’all from FB and following Justin’s journey. My dad succumbed to a Stage 4 Glioblastoma 9/4/91 at the age of 58. ❤️🌹🙏🕊️

Donna W Vidrine - September 03, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Justin J. Halbgewachs.



September 03, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Justin J. Halbgewachs.



September 03, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Justin J. Halbgewachs.



September 03, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Justin J. Halbgewachs.*



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September 03, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *May his memory be a blessing.*

*Dave Hudson*

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**Dave Hudson** - September 03, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Justin J. Halbgewachs.*



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September 03, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ *Barb & family, we were so sorry to hear of Justin's passing- but he is free of pain & suffering now. Our thoughts & prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. Rachelle, Cindy & Randy Rademacher*

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**Rachelle Rademacher** - September 03, 2020 at 11:07 AM