



## Justin Jon Porter

March 12, 1970 - September 9, 2018

Justin Jon Porter, son of Gary and Jeanie Porter, was born on March 12, 1970 in Webster City, Iowa. Justin and his family lived in Duncombe, Iowa until they moved to Missouri in 1973.

Justin started school at Dixon Elementary in Dixon, Missouri and then transferred to East Elementary School in Waynesville, Missouri. He continued his education at Waynesville Middle School and Waynesville High School and was the first person with Down Syndrome to graduate from Waynesville High School, Class of 1991. At his graduation ceremony, Justin's classmates gave him a standing ovation as he crossed the platform.

Justin enjoyed helping others and working. He volunteered at the Waynesville Life Care Center doing laundry and custodial work. He worked part time at Jim's Market stocking and cleaning shelves and also helped unpack Shaklee shipments and pack Shaklee orders for his mom's home business.

Justin was very active in Special Olympics from the age of 8 until the present time. He competed in running, jumping, softball throwing and bowling. He has been a member of the adult Special Olympics Bowling Team, the Pulaski County Eagles for 6 years.

In his spare time, Justin enjoyed TV trivia, TV guides, and watching old time

sitcoms and NCIS DVDs. He loved to eat out at restaurants and especially the Friday night ritual of having Papa Murphy's pizza. He also loved to listen to Bible stories.

Justin had an incredible memory for names of people, actors, characters and trivia. He was witty and loved to tease people. He always enjoyed going to the Pulaski Fine Arts Association plays and had to get autographs of all the actors on his program brochure.

In 1970, Justin was baptized by his grandfather in Iowa into the Lutheran church. For the past 30 years, he has been a member of The River Church (formerly known as Grace Covenant Christian Center) in Waynesville, Missouri. As a young adult, Justin made a profession of faith and was baptized in the river near the Waynesville Park by Pastor Mike Prater.

Justin went home to be with his Lord, Sunday, September 9, 2018 in the Barnes-Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, Missouri having attained the age of 48 years.

Justin is survived by his parents: Gary and Jeanie Porter of St. Robert, MO; one sister: Stephanie Elliott (Dylan) of Carthage, MO; two nephews: Noah and Kaden Elliott of Carthage, MO; many other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Justin was preceded in death by grandparents: Paul and Dorothy Porter of Iowa Falls, Iowa and Paul and Leona Bussert of Spencer, Iowa; aunt: Mary Porter of Nevada; and uncle: John Porter of California.

Justin will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 16, 2018 in The River Church in The ARK Community & Sports Center of Waynesville, Missouri with Pastor Howie Malone, Chaplain Judy Schlueter, Pastor Joy Bussert and Pastor Mike Prater officiating. The songs “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”, “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”, “Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”, “I Can Only Imagine” and “Surrounded By His Love” were performed. Comments were made by family and friends, including Stephanie Elliott (Justin’s sister), Marv Luten and Wendy Gomez.

Arrangements were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Justin Porter to Special Olympics Missouri, Camp Barnabas, or The River Church and may be left at the funeral home or at the service on Sunday.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

The River Church in The ARK Community & Sports Center  
Waynesville, MO 65583

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP **16.** 4:00 PM (CT)

The River Church in The ARK Community & Sports Center  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Deanna McKinley lit a candle in memory of Justin Porter*



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**Deanna McKinley** - August 02, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ *As I was just sitting here sharing stories of my childhood with a coworker, I was telling her about Justin and how every day in elementary school Justin would get on the bus (we both lived in Forest Hills) and he would always say Deanna Porter, I love Deanna Porter, lol always adding his last name to my first. This went on for years. I decided to look him up online today, sadly to come across this instead. My deepest condolences to his family. Please know that even all these years later, Justin still comes to mind. He may be gone, but he will never be forgotten.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Deanna McKinley*

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**Deanna McKinley** - August 02, 2025 at 10:55 PM



“ *Justin Jon Porter*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

AC

“ We had Papa Murphy's Pizza in honor of Justin today. We know it was his favorite. The people that worked there had fond memories of him and were glad to hear about the celebration of his life service, since they couldn't get off to go to it. He was such a blessing to all who knew him with his contagious smile, blowing kisses, hugs and teases. He had an amazing memory for faces and names! He brought joy to any room and never knew a stranger. Justin will be missed, but we are so thankful that we knew him, he loved Jesus, and we'll see him again in Heaven. It was so good to see so many of his family come so far to celebrate with us! Thank you all for sharing your memories!



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**Annette Catts** - September 19, 2018 at 02:26 AM

AM

“ I can remember Justin when we was in school, he was always so loving and happy. Always called me Spaghetti Head. He will be sadly missed.



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**Angie Morris** - September 18, 2018 at 09:47 AM

 Bea  
Miller

“ Bea Miller lit a candle in memory of Justin Jon Porter



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**Bea Miller** - September 17, 2018 at 03:48 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Justin Jon Porter



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**Pamela Cox** - September 16, 2018 at 04:10 PM

KM

“ Justin touched the lives of so many during his lifetime. His smile and wit will be missed by all! We will especially miss Justin at our PCARSP meetings and at the OSS! Justin will forever live on in the hearts and memories of everyone who knew him! May your memories of Justin's very special life and love bring you comfort during this difficult time!

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**Kitty McKelvey** - September 16, 2018 at 01:25 PM

MB

“ Millie Howlett Brotherton lit a candle in memory of Justin Jon Porter



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**Millie Howlett Brotherton** - September 15, 2018 at 04:33 PM

JU

“ Juanita lit a candle in memory of Justin Jon Porter



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**juanita** - September 15, 2018 at 10:40 AM

CD

“ *Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Justin Jon Porter*



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**Cornelia & Robert Dodds** - September 15, 2018 at 05:41 AM

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“ *Heather Harrell (Thomson) lit a candle in memory of Justin Jon Porter*



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**Heather Harrell (Thomson)** - September 15, 2018 at 01:02 AM

MW

“ *Justin was a sweet highlight of our Pulaski County Area Retired School Personnel Meetings. He laughed, smiled, and gave the best hugs! He always had something funny or sweet to say. We will miss him greatly at the meetings. He was a bright spot of our day, for sure. We are praying for your strength and peace, Gary, Jeannie, Stephanie and family, and all of his friends and extended family. I am grateful that we are not as those without hope. We will see him again.*

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**Martin and Georgia White** - September 14, 2018 at 10:04 PM

PP

“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers at the loss of Justin. He will be so missed at PCARSP meetings. He was a bundle of smiles when we'd see him.*

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**Pulaski Co Area Retired School Personnel** - September 14, 2018 at 09:43 PM

CW

“ *Christy Williams lit a candle in memory of Justin Jon Porter*



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**Christy Williams** - September 14, 2018 at 04:06 AM

RH

“ *Justin, I really miss you and really cared for you. You were the joy of PCARSP meetings when you were there, and a joy to your family. Best news of all is that you are with JESUS! I will see you up there! Randy and Gladys Hoffmann.*



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**Randy and Gladys Hoffmann** - September 13, 2018 at 06:52 PM

CZ

“ *I went to school with Justin. He always lit up the place with his smiles and compassionate heart. He always brightened my day. My prayers are to his family and loved ones. May you find comfort in knowing that our Heavenly father is now watching over him.*

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**Chris Zornes** - September 13, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - September 13, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ *Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Justin Jon Porter*



**Pulaski Camp Gideons** - September 13, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy for the Porter family with our prayers for hope, comfort and strength to help them move forward.*



**Harold and Brigitte Burleson** - September 13, 2018 at 09:43 AM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok lit a candle in memory of Justin Jon Porter*



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**Linda cole-schonbok** - September 13, 2018 at 09:23 AM

BR

“ *Justin always had a smile for everyone and I don't think he ever forgot someone he met. He will be missed by many who loved and enjoyed his kindness and gift of giving and love.*

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**Beverly Rasmussen** - September 13, 2018 at 07:23 AM



“ *Justin never met a stranger. He had a smile for everybody he met. Prayers for the whole family.*

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**Linda Daniels** - September 12, 2018 at 10:56 PM

AW

“ *I went to school with Justin and my mom was his nurse at Dr. Jenkins' clinic. He was so sweet and used to make my mom laugh so much. My thoughts are wish you, his parents and family.*  
*Alicia Winkler*

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**alicia winkler** - September 12, 2018 at 05:31 PM

MT

“ *Marilyn Raines Troutman sent a virtual gift in memory of Justin Jon Porter*



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**Marilyn Raines Troutman** - September 12, 2018 at 05:18 PM