



Justin Oneal Hillery

March 14, 1983 - December 29, 2025

Justin Oneal Hillery, 42, entered the loving arms of his lord and savior Jesus Christ on December 29, 2025. He was a beloved husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend. Justin was born at Lakeland Regional Health on March 14, 1983, to Dan and Kathy Hillery. He graduated from Lake Gibson High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida. On April 1, 2024, Justin married the love of his life, Eden. Justin is survived by his wife, Eden, his parents, Dan and Kathy, his brother, Jeffrey (Heather), and nieces and nephew, Abbie, Amelia, and Abram. From the words of his friends: Justin was one of the greatest men. He had a heart of gold wrapped in endless kindness and laughter, and his infectious smile could light up a room. In his own words, he was "Just a cool dude living an extraordinary life with Cerebral Palsy." Justin lived his life with Cerebral Palsy, a journey that shaped his remarkable resilience, perseverance, and appreciation for life. He faced challenges with courage and determination, inspiring everyone who knew him through his positive spirit and quiet strength. Justin found joy in watching movies, always appreciating a good story, had a genuine love for cars and admired their design and power. He enjoyed traveling whenever possible, he embraced new experiences with curiosity and excitement, making memories that will be treasured forever. Justin especially loved meeting new people and had a natural ability to make others feel welcomed and valued. His kindness, curiosity, and openness left lasting impressions and meaningful connections wherever he went. Above all, Justin was a loving and devoted husband. His

love was constant, sincere, and deeply felt by his family and friends. He will be remembered not only for the challenges he overcame, but for the love he shared, the laughter he brought, and the meaningful relationships he built throughout his life. Justin's life was defined not by limitations, but by life, courage, and the relationships he built.

Justin's adventurous spirit, loving heart, and beautiful soul will never be forgotten. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Visitation will be held Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 10:00am to 11:00am with Funeral Service to follow at 11:00am at Gentry Morrison Funeral Home, 1727 Bartow Road Lakeland Florida 33801. Burial will follow at Lakeland Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa Bay or Central Florida Speech and Hearing Lakeland, Florida in Justin's memory.

Cemetery Details

Lakeland Memorial Gardens

2125 Bartow Rd
Lakeland, FL 33801

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Watch Live in memory of Justin Oneal Hillery



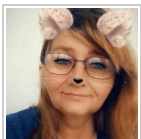
Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 09 at 09:26 PM



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Justin Oneal Hillery



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 08 at 01:13 PM



“ Justin was a beautiful soul. He had such a big heart. He was always there with a big hug and a big smile, every time I seen him. He was genuine. Last time I seen him was in August, him and his wife Eden, at my aunt's .so thankful I got to see him then ,with his wife and had a very nice visit. He will be greatly missed. I'm just sorry I didn't see him more than I did. Rest in Paradise cuz!! Fly high!!❤️🙏

Joan Sallot - January 11 at 06:46 PM



“ *The last time I was able to visit Aunt Katherine, Justin and Eden came over and sat down next to me. We talked for at least an hour about everything under the sun. He made me feel loved and special just listening to me, even tho I was in so much pain. I will always hear his laugh and see his smile.* ❤️🕊️🌻

Sandra Hillery - January 11 at 04:18 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Justin Oneal Hillery.*



January 08 at 09:58 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Justin Oneal Hillery.*



January 08 at 01:15 PM



“ Justin was my cousin. When we moved to Florida he was only a few months old. We didn't get to spend lots of time together but he made a huge impact on my life. He was always happy and smiling, such a positive person. I never saw him get angry. I had a tragic car accident on Christmas eve 2014 which left me and my daughter Summer and my niece Angela in the hospital having multiple surgeries to save our lives. He came to visit us after we got home several times and we really looked forward to seeing him because he had the ability to make us forget all the bad stuff. He was a breath of fresh air. He was like the light at the end of a very dark tunnel. Justin was the embodiment of love. He was a pure soul 🙏💕🌺 I know he is in Heaven with our Father and he will be dearly missed until we meet again. 😇

Michelle Kraemer - January 08 at 12:26 PM



“ I'm just so sorry for the loss. Justin well be missed and he well live on in all of us, the love and care he shown, the life he lived the joy he brought to us all. He always had a hug, just made you feel like you mattered to him and he cared about you. He made you feel welcome and when I think of Justin that's what I'm going to remember his kindness and caring way. To have known Justin has been a blessing

John Rhodes - January 08 at 05:29 AM

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“ Rick and Laquita purchased the Simply Elegant S
pathiphyllum for the family of Justin Oneal Hillery.



Rick and Laquita - January 07 at 01:57 PM

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“ The Shaw Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spr
ay for the family of Justin Oneal Hillery.



The Shaw Family - January 07 at 01:28 PM