



## Justin Glen Micha Barnes

October 23, 1990 - March 26, 2017

Justin Glen Micha Barnes, age 26, of Valparaiso, passed away suddenly March 26, 2017. Justin was born on October 23, 1990, in Gary IN., to Kimberly Dowdell (Ronald, Jr.) Buchanan and was educated in the Gary and Michigan City, IN public school systems. He graduated in 2009. While attending DeVry University in Atlanta, GA., Justin majored in Graphic Design and Computer Science. It was during this time that he began to pursue acting and became a member of the Screen Actors Guild. Justin had several acting roles in the following: The Last Vegas, The Game, Vampire Diaries, Necessary Roughness, The Originals and Chicago, P.D.

He continued to receive many awards and accolades for his participation in Brazilian jiu-jitus. Justin was recently employed at Pratt Industries in Valparaiso, where he was well respected and loved by his co-workers and supervisors alike.

Justin was preceded in death by his great grandparents-Morton and Dorothy Cowen; Ruth Babe Dowdell; beloved great uncle-Robert Cowen. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his parents-Ronald Jr., and Kimberly Buchanan of Gary; brother-Ronald Buchanan III of Michigan City; loving grandmother-Priscilla Cowen of Miller Beach; grandfather-Glen Dowdell, Jr. (Kimberly) of Covington, GA; special aunt-Gabby Dowdell of Gary; a host of family, friends and loved ones. Justin touched the lives of so many who came to know him,

with his infectious smile, sense of humor, friendship, kind heart and love.

A Celebration of Justin's life will take place April 1, 2017 from 11:00-1:00 p.m., with a time of sharing to follow, at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Lupus Foundation and Screen Actors Guild on behalf of Justin Glen Micha Barnes. Justin will be laid to rest, in a private ceremony, at a later date, at Sharon Gardens Cemetery in Valhalla, NY. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

They Ask Me: "Why are you always there for others, even though you are not well yourself"? My answer is: "Because I know how it feels when everybody looks the other way". – Justin Barnes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Time of Sharing

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# Tribute Wall

JK

“ *Sending my prayers to Kim and your family . I will always remember his smile as a little boy . My heart goes out to you all at this time.*

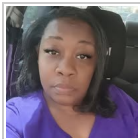
**jada kennedy** - March 31, 2017 at 06:26 AM

DR

“ *To the Dowdell family you have are deepest condolences. from Grace (Dowdell) Ross and family. YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS. .*



**DENNIS ROSS** - March 31, 2017 at 05:23 AM



“ *Sweet little Snoopy a young life taken in his prime I will miss you a great deal sleep well*



**Starr Harris** - March 31, 2017 at 12:34 AM

LA

“ Justin we first met when you were 3 or 4 years old. I have a vivid memory of you and your grandmother in Meijers in Merrillville. You saw me and ran to me with open arms. Although you didn't remember that connection it is an everlasting memory for me. God made a way for us to become reconnected again but this time you were a grown man. That same loving spirit you exhibited as a child was even more pronounced as an adult and you accepted and trusted me, with open arms. The proudest moment for me was when you asked me to take you to the doctor with your grandmother because of your trust and respect for me. I love you Justin. Your spirit will forever live within me.

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**Lenwood Ayers** - March 29, 2017 at 08:08 PM

PC

*My heart is full. Our times together with Justin will forever connect us. Thank you for Loving him.*

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**Priscilla Cowen** - March 31, 2017 at 07:20 AM

CM

“ Kim, I am so sorry for loss of such a precious life. I still see Justin as the sweet little boy that you used to bring to visit. My thoughts and prayers will remain in behalf of your family. Love, Canary Mason

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**Canary Mason** - March 29, 2017 at 07:19 PM

TF

“ The Lavaud Family... purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Justin Glen Micha Barnes.



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**The Lavaud Family...** - March 29, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ I still remember the day I met you thanks to Trent. You guys were on set, being silly and of course you were smiling as always. Although we were far away from each other, we shared sooo many nights on Skype, you would sing to me and make me smile, you would fool around to make me laugh...I will always remember you as the cheerful and truly good hearted young man you were. Always kind, always smiling...a truly pure soul. Vuela alto, angelito!

*Lorena from Spain*

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**Lorena Santamaría Rivas** - March 29, 2017 at 03:35 PM

CC

Justin glen micha barnes i knew you before I meet you i worked with your grandmother and she always talked about you she left work early often to take you places not long after meeting your grandmother she said you have to meet my daughter you guys would be great friends and she was right we became best friends needless to say shortly after i meet your mother i meet you and lil Ron you had to be five years old at the time i remember lots of things about you but one thing stands out how you smiled when I made my salmon salad for you the smile on your face lite up the whole house and when ever I came to visit and stayed over you would be so happy the time we shared was too short but so precious i will never forget and I wouldn't trade those memories for the world there will always be a place in my heart no one can replace love you Justin

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**Christine Campbell** - March 30, 2017 at 02:27 PM

PC

*Heartfelt Gratitude for your beautiful words Christine.*  
❤️ Priscilla

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**Priscilla Cowen** - March 31, 2017 at 07:13 AM

MH

*Justin thank you for all you did for my daughter, Anna. We love you. You will always remain in our hearts. I wish you could continue here with us and keep sharing your smile, compassion for others, and talks. Rest in heaven my dear friend. Marcia. Anna Wisenbaughs mom.*

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**Marcia Hutton** - March 31, 2017 at 09:37 PM