



Justin L. Gerretse

January 2, 1987 - January 26, 2026

Justin L. Gerretse, age 39, of Aurora and formerly of Bourbonnais, passed away on January 26, 2026, at his home. He was born on January 2, 1987, in Kankakee, the son of Dale and Kimberly (Sicard) Gerreste.

Justin was a mechanical engineer. He graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

He enjoyed woodworking, traveling, snowboarding, and fishing. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Most of all, Justin enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are his parents, Dale and Kimberly Gerreste; one sister Jessica Gerretse; two nephews, Elijah and Garrett; two nieces, Ella and Adalynn; one uncle and several aunts; and his beloved dog, Moose.

Justin is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Robert and Evadene Sicard; paternal grandparents, Henry and Aileen Gerretse; and one aunt and two uncles.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the 3:00 p.m. memorial service on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Rev. Don Long will officiate the service

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org).

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

Jl

“ He was stronger than a large percentage of this world, he held insights into a great knowledge that he was great at sharing. A great man.

Joshua itoucheditforacookie - March 22 at 05:23 PM

WM

“ Wendy Menard lit a candle in memory of Justin L. Gerretse



Wendy Menard - February 09 at 12:37 PM

PW

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sorry for your loss.

Paula Wasser - February 10 at 07:34 PM

JM

“ So deeply sorry for your loss. We enjoyed knowing him through high school band and church activities. A solid young man. May God hold your family close during this time of sorrow. John Milton family.

John Milton - February 06 at 01:13 PM

DB

“ I had the privilege of knowing Justin for only a short time, but the impact he made was clear and meaningful. I witnessed his athletic talent on the baseball field, his intelligence and skill while working on car electronics, and his dedication and focus as he completed his degree at Rose-Hulman.

Justin's support as an uncle was truly special. Watching Elijah play soccer alongside him meant so much to both Elijah and me. Though our conversations were often brief, they were always enjoyable and left a lasting impression.

I only wish I could have known him better. Justin will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever celebrated.

David Balek - February 06 at 12:52 PM

DS

“ Sending my sympathy to Justin's Family. Justin was on my BUGC yearbook staff, many years ago. He was both the brains behind the publishing technology and he was equally the heart behind the yearbook.

I kept in touch with Justin and last spoke to him in November. I have always thought of Justin as one of my favorite students.

Sending sympathy to his parents and sister ❤️

Dixie Simeur - February 06 at 10:12 AM

GB

“ Gary And Cheryl Bechtel lit a candle in memory of Justin L. Gerretse



Gary and Cheryl Bechtel - February 05 at 10:24 PM

GB

Dale, Kim and Jessica. We are so sorry to hear about Justin. May good memories carry you through this very difficult time.

Gary and Cheryl Bechtel - February 05 at 10:24 PM

LK

“*Dear Dale, Kim and family: We did not know Justin personally and we can't imagine how hard it must be to cope with the type of loss you have endured.*

The loss of a loved one is never easy. We wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time. Linda Giagnoni and Scott Kravat

Linda Giagnoni & Scott Kravat - February 05 at 04:02 PM

SS

“*Posting this on behalf of some of the neighbors of Justin that lived near him. We are so saddened to know about his passing. We have said Hi to him whenever we saw him and sometimes a small chit chat. We are sure his beloved dog Moose misses him a lot! Our heartfelt condolences to his parents, sister and the rest of the family. We pray for his soul to rest in peace !*

SS - February 04 at 10:37 PM

RG

“*Rob And Therese Grace lit a candle in memory of Justin L. Gerretse*



Rob and Therese Grace - February 04 at 08:01 PM

MT

“ Dale and Kim, my heart hurts for you upon reading this. Prayers are with you. May God's comfort ease your pain and may your wonderful memories bring smiles.



Mary Thomson - February 03 at 09:42 PM

BS

“ Bert Jacobson And Diane Siaroff lit a candle in memory of Justin L. Gerretse



Bert Jacobson and Diane Siaroff - February 03 at 12:44 PM



“ Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" was purchased for the family of Justin L. Gerretse.



February 03 at 12:04 PM

JB

“ Got to know Justin delivering mail to the Gerretse home for many years when both he and his sister Jessica would often be at the mail box when I came by, he was a great kid.

Jerry the Mailman

jerry bjick - February 03 at 10:24 AM

BN

“ *Such a kind, caring, smart & handsome guy. He sure could light up a room. Praying comfort for all who knew & love him, as he’s healed & whole in heaven.*

Beth Norwick - February 02 at 11:10 PM

LG

“ *As a fellow member of the 2005 graduating class at BBCHS, I wanted to share my deepest sympathies for Justin's loss. I will remember him as a very kind, smart, and funny guy. I hope his family will be able to find comfort in sharing memories of Justin and spending time with each other.*



Laurie (Krause) Gauthier - February 02 at 09:40 PM

MS

“ *Monica Sicard lit a candle in memory of Justin L. Gerretse*



Monica Sicard - February 02 at 03:16 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Harris lit a candle in memory of Justin L. Gerretse*



Shirley Harris - February 02 at 02:27 PM