



## Justin Leonard Meikel

April 22, 2001 - January 16, 2021

Justin was born on April 22, 2001 to loving mother Kristin Padilla and Charlie Crimmins in Loveland, Colorado. He spent much of his youth in Loveland and Fort Collins. He was adopted on June 25, 2010 by Carlos Meikel and Rebecca Benedict. He is survived by biological mother, Kristin Padilla, sister Brianna Sanchez, and father-figure Jesse Sanchez. He is also survived by adoptive father Carlos and his wife Diane and Adoptive mother Rebecca Benedict. On Saturday, January 16, 2021, Justin Meikel passed away.

Justin had charm and charisma. His smile was infectious, with a broad grin and a twinkle in his eye. He could engage many in lively verbal sparring about his favorite sports teams. Justin felt happiest when he could be moving: he loved football, baseball, soccer, and lacrosse. His passion was basketball and could sink three pointer shots from anywhere on the courts. Cherished memories include going to cheer for soccer or hockey games with mom, or football and baseball with his dad. He also loved video games , drawing, and fishing.

Justin had an adventurous spirit. He loved traveling with his family: seeing new things, trying different activities, and eating amazing food. He enjoyed spending time with grandparents including time at the cabin, Grandma's chocolate chip cookies, and Sunday morning coffee. He could turn a kitchen upside down if it meant cooking something and he could share it with

someone he cared about. He also had a stubborn nature. He thrived when he was in the company of others and channeled his energy into positivity.

Flowers honoring Justin can be sent to Bohlender Funeral Chapel between 8-9am on Monday, January 25. You will be able to watch the live stream of Justin's service at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 25 on Justin's obituary page at [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com). You may also leave a digital note for the family on the website. Cards or condolences can be sent to the family at the following addresses: Carlos and Diane Meikel, 507 Albion Way, Ft. Collins, CO. 80526, [Captain81503@aol.com](mailto:Captain81503@aol.com), or Becca Benedict, 7102 Crooked Arrow Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80525, [rebeccabenedict79@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccabenedict79@gmail.com), and Kristin Padilla, 215 Elder Drive, Loveland, CO 80538, [Kristinmpadilla@gmail.com](mailto:Kristinmpadilla@gmail.com).

# Previous Events

## Live Feed of Celebration of Life

JAN 25. 10:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 482-4244  
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Justin Leonard Meikel*



**Bohlender Funeral Chapel** - January 25, 2021 at 10:46 AM

TB

*Justin will be missed greatly. His smile was infectious. His love was never ending.*

**Tasha Brewer** - January 25, 2021 at 12:20 PM

MP

*What a nice service. I wish I could have known Justin. My heart is with those who knew and loved him. Sending love and light.*

**Martha Petty** - January 25, 2021 at 12:45 PM

PE

*You will be forever missed. Our hearts are broken but your at peace now. I love you 💕  
Love forever grandma 💔*

**Peggy** - January 25, 2021 at 12:46 PM

AG

*RIP Justin, your love and infectious smile will be missed by many ❤️*

**Angela Garcia** - January 25, 2021 at 12:52 PM

DH

*Beautiful Service, there was so much love for him. I wish you peace and comfort as you grieve*


Devon Helgoth - January 25, 2021 at 01:01 PM

DP

*R.I.P JUSTIN....Not a day will go by that I won't think about you. Sleep with the angels my lil thug...Forever, Deana Padia*

Deana Padia - January 25, 2021 at 01:10 PM

YR

*Gracias querida amiga por ponerme en los recuerdos con el todo mi  está allí con ustedes en la despedida de Justin que ahora sabemos que descansa en Paz No olvides lo mucho que te amo y muero por abrazarte y consolarte Fue un niño muy feliz*

yoselin romero - January 25, 2021 at 01:12 PM

KB

*Justin, you will be missed greatly. You were such an amazing athlete and such a kindhearted kid. RIP Justin*

Kristen Baker - January 25, 2021 at 02:28 PM

SS

*Justin had such a beautiful infectious smile! Sending hugs and prayers of comfort and healing!*

Shaunda Stahl - January 25, 2021 at 10:17 PM

JS

*Son you'll be greatly missed rest in peace for no one can hurt you anymore I love you son*

Jessie Sanchez - January 26, 2021 at 05:37 AM

KP

*My babyboy...God knows how I am going to make it through this. I miss you so very much. You and I had a unbreakable bond and because of that I know you're with me. I love you so so much.*

Kristin Padilla - January 26, 2021 at 05:40 AM

GB

*Justin was like a brother to me and in my heart he always will be he was a good person with a hard life he didnt deserve the hand he was dealt but still made the best out of it he had a good heart and a good head on his shoulders he didnt always make the best decisions or have the best judgment, no one would in his shoes but he did put passion into what had and who he had around hes a person a lot of people are going to miss he really made an impact on anyone hes been around and its devistating to know hes gone I hope your finally at peace Justin I love you*

**Gary Biscamp** - January 26, 2021 at 08:48 PM

CS

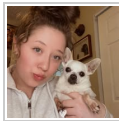
*Justin was such a wonderful young man. I will miss him and cherish the time we had in his younger days. I'm thankful his is pain free and no longer suffering in the hard world. Rip young man. Sending our condolences to his mom Kristin and his sister Brianna. My God be by your side and help you get though such pain. No one perfect and we leave it up to God to judge. Sending love and hugs 🙏🥰💙*

**Christine Seeley** - January 27, 2021 at 02:56 AM

KM

*RIP lil buddy, wish I had been there for you more as you grew older. You were so lil when God crossed our paths but you left a giant impression on my heart that will forever last! You're going to be dearly missed*

**Kelley Mahoney** - January 27, 2021 at 01:14 PM



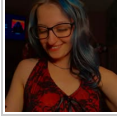
*You will be missed Justin, you were also so happy to see me or Noah when we would cross paths with one another, you always made me laugh in school. Such a beautiful soul, rest easy buddy.*

**Ky Lee** - January 28, 2021 at 10:39 PM

KP

*I miss you so much Justin. Every day I struggle to get through it. God I'd give anything to have you here with me. I love you so much*

**Kristin Padilla** - February 18, 2021 at 10:01 PM



*Justin , I am so very sorry for what you have gone through . I knew you in middle school , as one of the obnoxious jocks .. a class clown if you will haha . But you grew up to become so much more kind .... loving . I wish I spoke to you more , reached out . I wish I actually got to know you . I see memories on fb from a year or 2 ago ... the way you were treated by some people was so wrong . And I am so sorry you were dragged through hell by someone else . I hope you're at peace , at rest . I hope you've made it to where you need to be in the after life . You are missed , too many like you . It's always so sad to see another my age go ... especially those I knew once upon a time . Blessed be , Justin .*

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**Samantha Radtke** - April 28, 2021 at 06:43 PM

JB

*“ I was Justin's First Grade Teacher at Stansberry Elementary in Loveland. He was always such a sweet and caring little guy. All the kids loved him as did I. Throughout the years, I often wondered how he was doing. I was saddened to hear that his short life never seemed to get any easier. I am so very sorry, Justin. Praying that you are finally at peace.*

*Love, JoAnn Belva*

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**JoAnn Belva** - March 22, 2021 at 04:40 PM

BP

*“ I remember Justin from the 8th grade Wellington Eagles basketball team. It was so apparent that on the basketball court Justin was free. During middle school and I am sure beyond sports gave Justin great joy. Not only was he fun to have on the court he was fun to coach and be around. I remember him well and have fond memories. Justin will be greatly missed.*

*Bill Peisner*



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**Bill Peisner** - January 29, 2021 at 09:40 PM

MM

“ *My prayers are with all of the family. May you find peace with memories of Justin..*

*Marty Marsh*

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**Marty Marsh** - January 29, 2021 at 01:48 PM

KP

“ *From the second you were born, that's when I knew what true love was.*

*You were such an amazing son and I am lost without you.*

*I'm so glad we spent the last 3 years together.*

*I always knew you'd find your way back to me...you just can't take a bond that you and I had and try breaking it. Its always been you and I.*

*I felt and knew how much you loved me and I pray to God you felt it back!*

*Rest in peace my babyboy...you're my beautiful angel now.*

*I miss you like crazy and love you beyond words.*

*Love your mom*



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**Kristin Padilla** - January 26, 2021 at 06:11 AM

TK

“ *You touched many lives and you will be missed.*

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**Troy Krotz** - January 25, 2021 at 01:34 PM

TN

“ *Tamera Nelson lit a candle in memory of Justin Leonard Meikel*



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**Tamera Nelson** - January 25, 2021 at 12:10 PM

DU

“ *Sending you prayers for hope and peace as you always remember those special times with Justin, Diane and Eric Umbreit*

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**Diane Umbreit** - January 25, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *It's okay to miss you,  
It's okay to cry.  
Just know I'll never forget you.  
This isn't a permanent goodbye.*



*Sometimes I sit and wonder  
If you are standing by my side,  
Giving me the courage  
To carry on with pride.*

*I'll hold onto our memories,  
Until this life is done.  
In my heart is where I'll store them,  
Where we can be as one.*

*Justin we will see you sooner than later kaleb barker and mama Amy!*

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**Kaleb Barker** - January 25, 2021 at 03:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Justin Leonard Meikel.*



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January 25, 2021 at 12:51 AM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Justin Leonard Meikel.*



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January 24, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *we will miss you, RIP<3*



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**Jenna** - January 24, 2021 at 05:50 PM

KP

“ I will forever miss you babyboy



Kristin Padilla - January 24, 2021 at 03:07 PM

KP

“ You were such an amazing person and I thank God that he chose me to be your mom. You brought so much into my life. I love you and miss you more than words could ever say. I hope you're up there dancing in the sky.



Kristin Padilla - January 24, 2021 at 03:05 PM

EB

“ Exec. Team. Natasha D., Venesa T., Stephanie B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Justin Leonard Meikel.



Exec. Team. Natasha D., Venesa T., Stephanie B. - January 24, 2021 at 11:51 AM

AG

“ *Angela Garcia lit a candle in memory of Justin Leonard Meikel*



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**Angela Garcia** - January 24, 2021 at 07:49 AM

BE

“ *My son. ❤️ Words won't ever do you justice. Life's ups and downs were a rollercoaster. You taught me so many things in this life... but most of all love. I will never love anyone like I have loved you. May the peace you have now lighten the load you carried on your heart throughout life.*

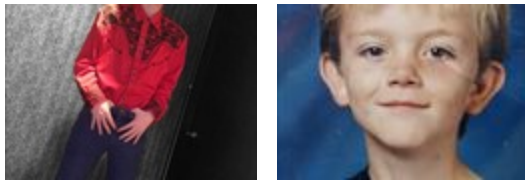


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**Becca** - January 23, 2021 at 10:47 AM

JS

“ *If I could of given you the world, it would of been yours. If I could of made you rich beyond your wildest dreams, it would of been so...all I had to give you was my love and for that you called me Dad. I can't help but wonder what I could of done different or what I could of said but didn't. Know that I love you now more than I ever did. My heart aches and it always will because I sent you out into this world and it wasn't ready for you. I know now that you are at peace and no one, or this world, can ever hurt you again. I love you son and I will miss you. Dad*



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**Jessie Sanchez** - January 23, 2021 at 04:12 AM

DP

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Deana Padia** - January 23, 2021 at 03:10 AM

DP

*You will always be with me and have a place in my heart. Missing you more than you know. R.I.P Justin....Love always...Deana Padia*

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**Deana Padia** - January 23, 2021 at 03:13 AM

DP

“ *Deana Padia lit a candle in memory of Justin Leonard Meikel*



Deana Padia - January 23, 2021 at 03:09 AM

FR

“ *Flora Meikel; Reyes, Becky, Ryder; Dolores, Robert purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Justin Leonard Meikel.*



Flora Meikel; Reyes, Becky, Ryder; Dolores, Robert - January 22, 2021 at 10:16 PM

PW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Paul Webb - January 22, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Justin Leonard Meikel.*



January 22, 2021 at 05:50 PM

LF

“ Love, Your Shepardson Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Justin Leonard Meikel.




Love, Your Shepardson Family - January 22, 2021 at 03:21 PM

KP

“ I miss you like crazy Justin...I love you so so very much! Please help me get through this..



Kristin Padilla - January 22, 2021 at 12:39 PM

 Lorin Spangler

“ Sending love, light, strength, and my deepest condolences to you <3

Lorin Spangler - January 22, 2021 at 09:43 AM

MF

“ my heart goes out to justin's family. i hope he's in a good place in heaven sinking three pointers. he stayed with me for a while and he always tried his very best to do the best he could with what he had. i will miss him forever. i hope he knows how much we love and care for him. rest in peace justin.



Marta Fisher - January 22, 2021 at 04:59 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Justin Leonard Meikel.*



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January 22, 2021 at 02:15 AM



“ *My heart goes out to you and your families during this difficult time and the days ahead. Love, Auntie Dolores*



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**Dolores Pitman** - January 21, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ *My name is Janessa and my family and I had the biggest blessing of our lives when we got to foster Justin at a young age. We had him for two years in our home and he was an amazing kid. I know that he is in a better place and my family and I loved and cared for him a lot. We send our condolences to his parents and to his family during this time.*



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**Janessa De Los Santos** - January 21, 2021 at 10:45 PM

JK

*My name is Jace and I knew Justin for two years. During those years I got to know Justin for who he was and understood why he didn't always make the best decisions. Justin had it rough growing up from what I was told and from what I saw in his home life. We had a lot of fun together and he always made me laugh, and he always knew how to make the best of a bad situation. It truly hurts knowing he's gone.*

**Jace Kleebach** - January 22, 2021 at 12:36 PM

KP

“ You're my angel now



**Kristin Padilla** - January 21, 2021 at 10:16 PM

KP

“ Oh Justin, you will probably see me write on here a hundred times, just because I can't accept that you are gone. From the time you were growing in my belly until the day you took your last breathe, I have loved you beyond words and I know you knew that. My life will never be the same without you and I miss you like crazy! I so hope you are finally at peace. I love you so much my babyboy...❤️



**Kristin Padilla** - January 21, 2021 at 10:14 PM

AL

“ Carlos and Becca,

*This just breaks my heart. Justin was such a memorable kid to me: wicked funny, friendly to all, caring and always found a way to connect with me every day in school. I am so sorry for the loss of that spark...I'll miss him. My thoughts are with you all. Abrazos.*

*Dr. Durand, Wellington*

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**alicia** - January 21, 2021 at 10:04 PM

JB

Carlos and Becca

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. Justin left an positive impact on my heart. No matter how stubborn he was or how kept me on my toes, Justin always thought of others and how he could help them. He had a contagious smile that could light up a room. I will miss him ....*

*Mrs. Bradshaw, Wellington Middle*

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**jennifer bradshaw** - January 21, 2021 at 10:30 PM

RG

“ *Memories are the things we have to hold on to for those we can no longer see, hear and touch. Playing basketball with Justin will always bring a smile to my face.*

*— Robert Garcia*

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**Robert M Garcia** - January 21, 2021 at 09:09 PM

AL

“ Andy & Beverly Lake purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Justin Leonard Meikel.



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**Andy & Beverly Lake** - January 21, 2021 at 06:03 PM

AL

“ Dearest Kristin and family - We are so sorry to hear of your loss, a life so full and bright has been taken from us too soon. Your tribute to dear Justin reminds us all of his spirit, kindness, and laughter. Sending you our love and know that you are ever-present in our thoughts. Please know you are not alone in your sadness, and we hope you can find comfort in sharing this together with others. Love, your friends Andy & Beverly

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**Andy & Beverly Lake** - January 21, 2021 at 05:58 PM

PS

“ Poudre Community Academy Staff purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Justin Leonard Meikel.



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**Poudre Community Academy Staff** - January 21, 2021 at 05:58 PM

DA

“ Becca, te mandamos nuestro más sentido pésame. Estamos pensando mucho en ti y esperamos que encuentres consuelo con los buenos recuerdos de Justin. Con mucho cariño, David y Karina Autenrieth

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**David Autenrieth** - January 21, 2021 at 05:14 PM

KT

“ *Becca, my heart and prayers go out for you. I am so sorry for your great loss in Justin's journey. May you find safe places to grieve and heal.*

*Broken with you,  
Kristy Thiemann*

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**Kristy Thiemann** - January 21, 2021 at 04:12 PM

YF

“ *Your Harris Bilingual family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Justin Leonard Meikel.*



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**Your Harris Bilingual family** - January 21, 2021 at 12:16 PM

MC

“ *Becca you are in my thoughts and Prayers. I am so very sorry for the loss of your beautiful son Justin. God Bless you and your family in this most difficult time.*

*Love, Mary Lou*

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**Mary Lou Crews** - January 21, 2021 at 11:31 AM

MN

“ *Becca words can not express how truly sorry I am. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. God Bless.*

*Maria Nava*

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**Maria V Nava** - January 21, 2021 at 11:21 AM

PG

“ *Peggy Gardiner lit a candle in memory of Justin Leonard Meikel*



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**Peggy Gardiner** - January 21, 2021 at 05:17 AM

PG

“ *Justin you will be truly missed. You somehow lost your way and wish we were able to help you. You were a amazing young boy. Hope you are at peace now. You will forever be loved and always in our hearts and minds. Love you dear grandson . My heart is broken*



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**Peggy Gardiner** - January 21, 2021 at 05:11 AM

KP

“ *I cant imagine my life without you. You're a peace now my babyboy I will forever miss and love you...*

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**Kristin Padilla** - January 21, 2021 at 01:32 AM

KS

“ *One of the happiest boys I knew at Irish. Always had a smile on his face. Lovely young man.*

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**kathy Steinbach** - January 20, 2021 at 11:47 PM

EL

“ It is wonderful to know about Justin and his interests. The love you all had for him shines through this tribute to him and to his life. One has to smile when you see his smile! Sending you a world of love.  
*Ellen Willis*

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**Ellen** - January 20, 2021 at 11:46 PM

RS

Ah Becca and Carlos💔  
You gave this young man love, life, and commitment. Thank you. I can see him on the paddle board, football field, and basketball court. You gave him everything humanly possible. Bless you and warm your hearts with healing and comfort. 🙏🕊️🙌

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**Rose Sprenger** - January 21, 2021 at 02:44 PM