

JUSTIN JON LANGE, 40, of Rock Valley, Iowa, died unexpectedly at his home in Rock Valley on Monday, September 4, 2023. Justin Jon Lange was born June 15, 1983, to Glenn and Cheryl Lange. Justin held a special place in the hearts of many. He was an innocent, sweet soul, who through no fault of his own was burdened with a rare health condition known as Mowat-Wilson Syndrome. Though he was nonverbal, he had a zest for life, giving a grin or low chuckle to those who knew him best. Justin spent his early years living at the family farm southwest of Rock Valley. Justin loved spending time with his family and playing with his toy tractors.

At the age of 3, Justin started attending school at River Valley School. He continued his education with River Valley until his late teens, when he started special education in Sheldon, Iowa. Around the age of 10, he learned to ride horses on a specially made saddle, with the help of Kenny Sandbulte, a close family friend.

Justin enjoyed taking frequent road trips to see his brother and sisters play sports, the best part of these trips was the popcorn his parents would buy for him. One of his favorite past-times was listening to music and dancing with his sisters. His face would light up while spinning on the dance floor. Most Sunday mornings, you would find Justin sitting between his parents at church, holding each of their hands. He was a member of the Carmel Reformed Church.

At the age of 19, Justin met what would soon become his second family, at the group home. Justin forged many close relationships with his fellow residents and caretakers. He will be dearly missed by them all. Justin had a very active social life. Over the years, he would often be spotted around town eating at restaurants, or shopping at Walmart. His group home took several vacations over the years, including the lake, the Omaha Zoo, and Kansas City.

Justin is survived by his parents, Glenn and Cheryl Lange, of Rock Valley; brother, Jesse (Christy) Lange of George, Iowa; sister, Shayla (Tad) Johnson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; nephew, Tevin Neugebauer of Tea, South Dakota; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Justin was preceded in death by his beloved sister, Missy Lange; grandparents, Emil and Betty Lange and Rich and Lyda Van Otterloo; Uncle, Dennis Lange; and cousin, Shawn Rozeboom.

***Remembering the Life of
Justin Jon Lange***
June 15, 1983 ~ September 4, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Friday, September 8, 2023
Carmel Reformed Church
Carmel, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Mark Heijerman

ACCOMPANIST

Jamie Van Voorst

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

Recorded by Missy Lange

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Blessed Assurance"

"Precious Memories"

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Randy Gergen ~ Vince Veninga ~ Randy Mouw

PALLBEARERS

Mark Klarenbeek ~ Robert Heckenlaible
Carter Klinkhammer ~ Levi Groeneweg
Luke Groeneweg ~ Craig Davelaar

MEMORIALS

Hope Haven or Special Olympics Iowa

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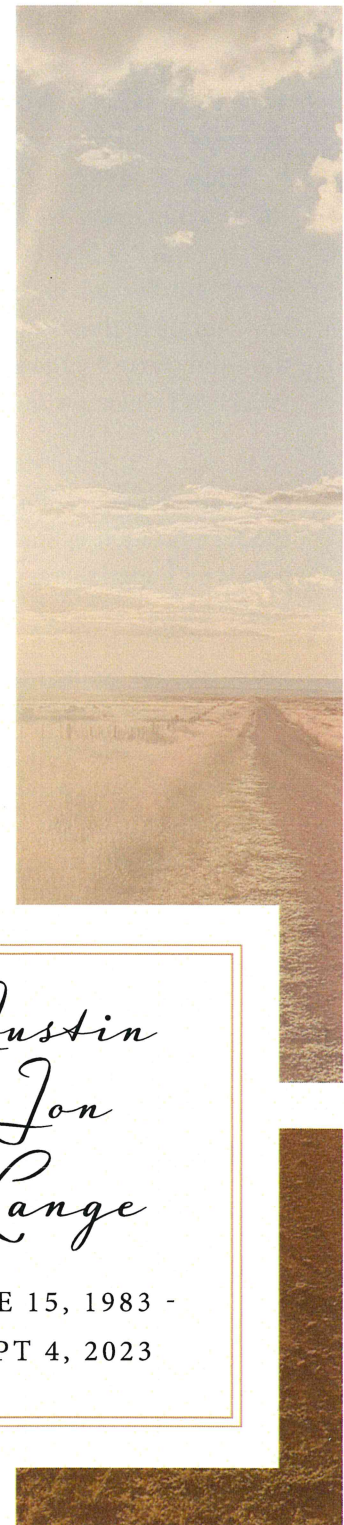
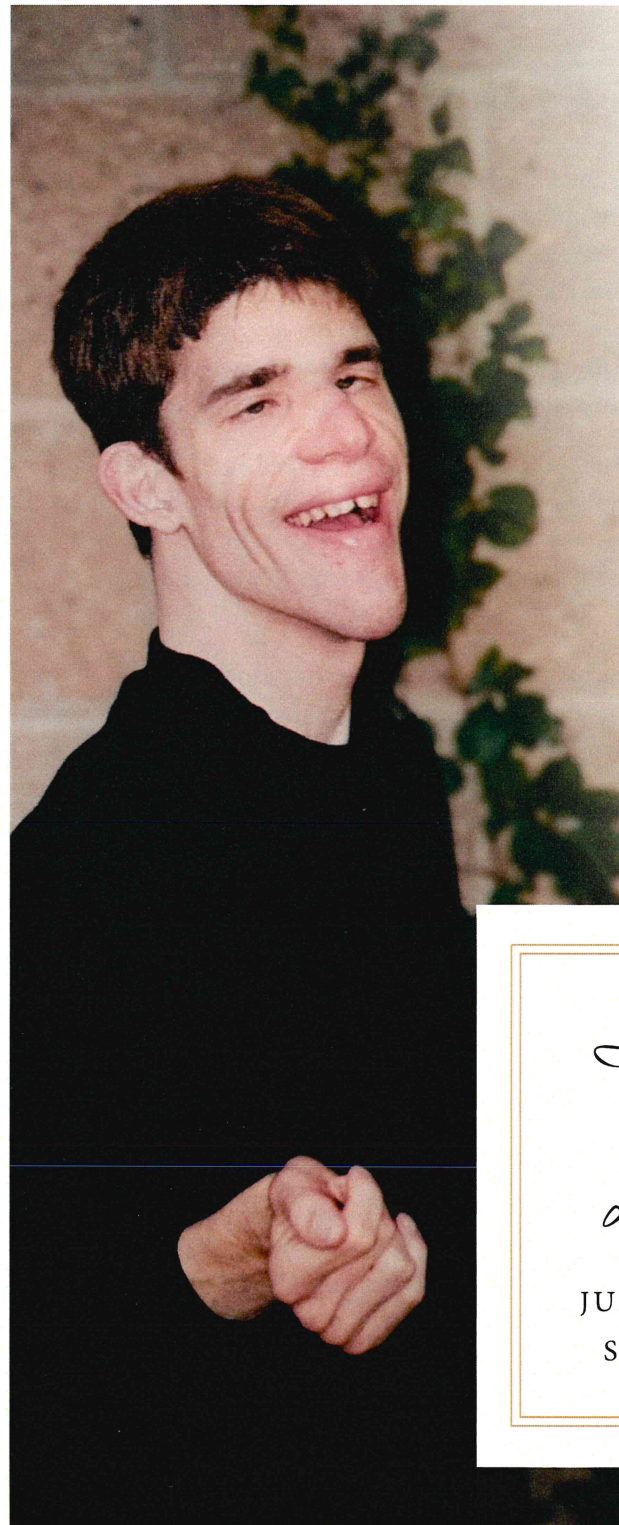
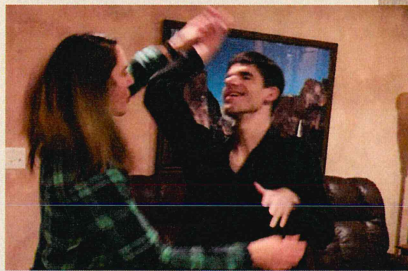
Carmel Cemetery
Carmel, Iowa

Justin's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.



I thought of you today

I thought of you today,
But that is nothing new.
I thought of you yesterday,
And will tomorrow too.
I think of you in silence,
And make no outward show.
For what it meant to lose you,
Only those who love you know.
Remembering you is easy,
I do it every day.
It's the heartache of losing you,
That will never go away.



*Justin
Jon
Lange*

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