



Justo Contreras Nacionales

November 9, 1971 - September 25, 2025

Justo "Justin" Nacionales - lovingly known as Pop and sometimes Tech Support - passed away peacefully on September 25, 2025, at the age of 53, surrounded by love (and probably a computer that still needed rebooting one last time).

Born on November 9, 1971, in San Jose, Antique, Philippines, Justin grew up in Crystal, Minnesota, where he traded the beaches for blizzards and somehow stayed loyal to Minnesota sports teams anyway.

He married the love of his life, Debi, on July 6, 2007 - a partnership filled with laughter, adventure, and shared Netflix passwords. Justin worked as a Systems and Network Administrator at OATI, where he wrangled technology with a mix of wizardry and patience (and occasionally, colorful language).

Justin had many passions: gaming (he never rage-quit), rebuilding computers (for fun, no less), playing Mahjong with his beloved family (Filipino house rules only), traveling (especially to Hawaii - his happy place), and cheering on the Wild, Gophers, and Vikings (despite the emotional toll). Above all, he cherished time with his family - often the loudest laugh in the room.

He will be remembered for his kind heart, laugh and the way he made everyone feel like they mattered. Justin had a gift for bringing people together

- whether through his famous tech advice, fantasy football updates, or just being the guy who always showed up when you needed him.

He is survived by his beloved wife Debi; his siblings Alex (Debbie), Belinda, Cecilia (Chris), Dina, Emmanuel (Elizabeth), Fernando, and Helen (Michael); and a big extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who all loved him more than he ever let on.

A visitation will be held at St. Joseph Historic Catholic Church, 13015 Rockford Road, Plymouth, MN 55441 on Saturday, October 4, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Bring your stories, your hugs, and maybe a Vikings jersey if you're brave - Justin would've loved that.

Gone too soon. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Community - Historic Little Church
13015 Rockford Rd.
Plymouth, MN 55441

Church Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MP

“ Never a dull moment when Papop is around! He was fun and a good friend to many. Rest in Peace classmate!! From West Visayas State University Elementary Batch 85

mary P - October 05, 2025 at 12:42 AM

IF

“ Ian Geneta and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Justo Contreras Nacionales.



Ian Geneta and Family - October 03, 2025 at 12:12 AM

IF

“ Ian Geneta and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Justo Contreras Nacionales.

Ian Geneta and Family - October 03, 2025 at 12:12 AM

CF

“ Cafe Astoria family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Justo Contreras Nacionales.



Cafe Astoria family - October 02, 2025 at 04:32 PM

CF

“ *Cafe Astoria family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Justo Contreras Nacionales.*

Cafe Astoria family - October 02, 2025 at 04:32 PM

BN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Belinda Nacionales - October 02, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Justo Contreras Nacionales.*



October 02, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Justo Contreras Nacionales.*

October 02, 2025 at 10:08 AM

HS

“ On Thursday, September 25, I lost my brother Pop and heaven has gained an angel.

We were closest in age, grew up side by side, and through all the years, he was always there when I needed him most.

Pop was a man of few words, but when he laughed, you had to laugh with him. That laugh could fill a room, even if he barely said a thing beforehand.

He was brilliant in his own quiet way.

Loved the Vikings (for better or worse, definitely worse today) and most of all, deeply devoted to his family.

He was the kind of uncle who didn't say much, but was always there when Conner needed him — whether it was babysitting, playing video games, or heading to the movies with Conner. Their bond was something special.

We will miss him dearly. Rest easy, Nong Pop. I love you forever. 💔



Helen Nacionales Smith - October 01, 2025 at 08:48 PM

PN

“ Pops, I will always remember your big smile, kind heart and the sound of your laughter. You're the light, and what a blessing to us all, whose lives you touched and inspired. Sorry I won't be there to bid you goodbye at the end of your journey, but I'll be cheering you on to the gates of heaven. May God grant you eternal peace.



Sending love and prayers to Debi, and the Contreras-Nacionales family. Together we'll keep Pops in our hearts.

Prexy Nacionales - October 01, 2025 at 05:25 PM

TW

“ The sound of flip-flops will forever be missed around the OATI office. I've heard them every day for almost 20 years....They were a portent of joy to come your way. They sought out the most distraught in the company and made everything feel just a little better. That sound will forever echo in my mind and bring a tear-filled smile to my face. You were too good for us, and you will forever be missed, my friend. Gone too soon. We still need you to reboot that PC over there.... I'll just leave it until you get back. :(

Tony Windschitl - October 01, 2025 at 03:30 PM

BN

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Belinda Nacionales - October 01, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Justo Contreras Nacionales.



October 01, 2025 at 06:08 AM

BN

“ 4 files added to the album pop



Belinda Nacionales - October 01, 2025 at 02:20 AM

HN

“ 7 files added to the album pop



HN - September 30, 2025 at 10:25 PM

CG

“ *From a Teammate and Friend*

It was a privilege to work alongside Justo on our team. His dedication, contagious smile, and unwavering professionalism left a lasting impact on all of us. Justo brought friendship and joy into every room he entered. Always ready to lend a hand, he made everyone feel supported and seen. His presence was impossible to miss. No one will forget the sound of his flip-flops echoing down the hallway, a cheerful warning that Justo was on his way. He will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

Rest in peace

Carlos Gonzalez-Perez

Carlos Gonzalez-Perez - September 30, 2025 at 08:48 PM

SG

“ *Justo was always there to help out or to have a good chat and a laugh with. He will be greatly missed.*

Steve Glaim - September 30, 2025 at 05:53 PM

DB

“ When he joined OATI he took over all IT work for the webData project. He helped us streamline it so that we could get systems out quickly. He was a joy to work with and always had a smile to brighten the room, even when we had a pile of servers to get configured. He will be sorely missed.

David Besselievre - September 30, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ The sound of flip flops wont be the same anymore. Knew Justo briefly but he was always approachable and he had a keen eye for details.

Prayers to Justo and the family

A - September 30, 2025 at 04:17 PM

PA

“ Every interaction I had with him beginning over sixteen years ago was positive. He was always willing to assist and was kind, happy, and gracious. I know that everyone has fond memories of him and that he will be missed and remain in our hearts and memories.

Paris Amani - September 30, 2025 at 04:04 PM

EA

“ I worked with Justo for more than 2 decades. He always had a smile on his face, was always happy and up-beat. He brightened every room he walked into. He was also one of the most dependable, loyal, and trustworthy people I've ever known. His absence is felt every day, not because of the work he did, but because of the person he was, and how he made everyone around him feel.

Erik Amundson - September 30, 2025 at 03:58 PM

WM

“ With love, Judy, Kristy, Michelle purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Justo Contreras Nacionales.



With love, Judy, Kristy, Michelle - September 30, 2025 at 01:50 PM

WK

“ Hello, I appreciated Justo at Open Access Technologies Inc. Justo was the Server guy who new alot and shared his information. Appreicated webconference calls with Justo because of the Team attitude.

I am sure Justo will be missed.

*Yours in Christ,
William Kenyon*

William Kenyon - September 29, 2025 at 08:22 PM

MF

“ MDT Reg friends & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Justo Contreras Nacionales.



MDT Reg friends & family - September 29, 2025 at 08:42 AM

MF

“ MDT Reg friends & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Justo Contreras Nacionales.

MDT Reg friends & family - September 29, 2025 at 08:42 AM

BN

“ Justin who our family fondly nicknamed Pop after Popeye, because of his superhuman strength, was my baby brother who fought against the odds to be here on earth. My mom who was on birth control(IUD) after having had 6 kids in the Philippines became pregnant with him, then he was born premature at just over 6 months weight less than 2 lbs at birth. My dad who was the doctor who delivered him thought he was dead and set him aside after birth to take care of my mom, but lo and behold ,here comes Pop com crying his heart out announcing to the world he is alive. They managed to fashion an improvised oxygen source for him using a balloon and transported him over 2 hours away to the city hospital that has the only a neonatal intensive care unit with an incubator. He went home with our parents after 2 months and lived a happy and fruitful life until 53. We love you and will miss you, Pop. May the Lord comfort Debi and all his loved ones. See you later my brother.
- Nang Bebing

Belinda Nacionales - September 28, 2025 at 01:13 PM