

**Justin Robert Cronin** was born October 9, 1980 in Sioux Falls, SD to Daniel Carl and Janet (Bown) Cronin. He was a graduate of the Gettysburg High School Class of 1999. Justin continued his education at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN for two years before graduating from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN with a bachelor's degree in business.

In 2003 Justin went to work for Cahill, Schaeffbauer and Associates, working with them until 2006. During this time, from 2005-2007 he served as the executive director of the Gettysburg Whitlock Bay Development Corporation. In 2006, he became the co-owner of J & B Quickstop, operating it until 2012 when he lost the business to a fire.

On December 31, 2010, Justin was united in marriage to Deb Hanson at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Gettysburg. To this union, he gained three children and one daughter Kea.

Politics was a large part of Justin's life. He found it an honor to serve the people of District 23, which he did from 2009 – 2017, serving from the SD House of Representatives. From 2011-2015, he was the assistant majority leader and he served as the chair of the appropriations committee from 2015-2017. He continued his service as a senator for District 23 from 2017-2019. Justin has also had the privilege of serving on the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL); serving on several committees and task forces to include: founding co-chair of the Agriculture Task Force, member of the State and Local Tax Task Force, and a vice-chair of the Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee. He was also instrumental in getting legislation passed for the SD vs. Wayfair decision from the United States Supreme Court as well as being an active participant in the NCSL Leaders Programs. His involvement in the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) included serving as a member of the Energy Environment Committee. Lastly, he served as a delegate for the Streamline Sales Tax Governing Board.

Justin was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Gettysburg, where he was active in the Knights of Columbus. He also served as a board of director for Avera St. Mary's Hospital. In his free time, Justin enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, cooking, and being a huge supporter of Notre Dame athletics.

Justin's life will be cherished by his wife, Deb; daughter, Kea; children: Sierra, Autumn, and Colt, all of Gettysburg; mother, Janet of Gettysburg; his brothers: Monty (Nancy), Mike (Jamie), Matt (Janet) and Jim Cronin, all of Gettysburg; sister, Susan (Kenny) Meidinger of Zeeland, ND; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Allen and Dot Hanson of Ree Heights; 15 nieces and nephews, and 17 great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dan Cronin; paternal grandparents: Carl and Dorothy Cronin; maternal grandparents: Robert and Dorothy Bown; niece, AJ Cronin; and great nephew, Creed Brownridge.



*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y

**Justin Robert Cronin**

**October 9, 1980 - November 11, 2020**



May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be **ALWAYS**  
at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
*And until  
we meet again,*  
May **GOD** hold you in the  
palm of His *hand.*



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In Loving Memory Of

# Justin Robert Cronin

**WAKE SERVICE:**

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2020  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

10:30 a.m., Thursday, November 19, 2020  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:**

Fr. Grant Lacey

**EULOGIST:**

Corey Brown

**LECTORS:**

Nancy Cronin and Anna Lacey

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:**

Don Hericks

**CASKET BEARERS:**

Casey Cronin, Adam Meidinger, Corey Cronin,  
Tregg Cronin, Carl Cronin, Shane Stevens,  
Kyle Chase, Justin Lacey, and Jayden Hansen

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:**

All of Justin's remaining nieces and nephews

**MUSICIANS:**

Colleen Simon and Bagpiper, David Kohl

**MUSIC:**

"Be Not Afraid" "Were You There" "On Eagle's Wings"  
"Song of Farewell" "America the Beautiful"

**INTERMENT:**

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery  
Gettysburg, South Dakota