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Certain songs linger, turning ordinary moments into magic. Justin Oscar Cary – the best of humans – did the same, touching the hearts and minds of all lucky to know him.

Justin contained multitudes. He was a man of integrity, treating people with kindness and care. He was curious about the world, its problems and its possibilities, avidly reading about history and welcoming a good debate. As the bassist and band leader for Sixpence None the Richer and Paul Brandt, and bassist with Blue County and Jennifer Knapp, Justin happily noodled on a guitar or bass in his spare time, too. For several years, he co-owned Bake For You with his wife: The Baker & the Bass Player. His wit and wordplay elicited groans and delight. Justin was humble, self-aware, hard-working, brilliant, generous and utterly authentic.

He loved his people, his pups, his Sixpence family and his Linda. Justin and Linda shared more love and adventures in their ten years together than most people do in a lifetime. They were one another's soft place to land, and she was by his side on June 18, 2026 when he had to leave much too soon.

Justin was born on June 21, 1975 in Alcove, NY to Dawn Lechner Cary and

the late Eugene Cary. He is survived by his wife Linda Kindlon Cary, their dog Eloise, his mother Dawn, his sister Jodi (Patrick) Civill, his nieces Madeline (Cole) Mead and Winnie Civill, his stepdaughter Courtney (Patrick) Slade and grandchildren Addison and Jack, his stepson Christian (Andi) Waugh and granddaughter Fiona, his beloved lifelong bandmates Leigh Bingham Nash and Matt Slocum, and numerous friends and family. He was predeceased by his favorite canine companions, Willow, Scotch and Ava. Many thanks to the staff in Albany Med's Neurological ICU – they are the true rockstars.

While Justin didn't get to experience the length of life, damn, did he make the most of its depth and breadth. He mattered to us and will be missed beyond measure. Justin is a song that lingers and a genuine example of a life well-lived. May we honor him by doing the same.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday June 23rd at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, NY. Relatives and friends are invited and may also call at Church Monday from 3 to 7 p.m. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers please consider making donations in Justin's memory to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204.