



Justine Ruszczyk Damond's Family Announces Public Memorial Details



The family of Justine Ruszczyk Damond recently announced details of the public memorial service scheduled for Friday, August 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Harriet Band Shell in Minneapolis.

The event will include a program with remarks from Don Damond, John Ruszczyk, Dr. Joe Dispenza, and other friends and family of Justine. Music by Minnesota pianist Steven C. Anderson will be incorporated into the service, and a multimedia presentation celebrating Justine's life will be available for viewing during the gathering time.

6:00 – 6:50 p.m.: Gathering time for music, prayer, fellowship, and reflection

6:50 – 7:00 p.m.: Native American spiritual burning of sage

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: Memorial service

8:30 – 10:00 p.m.: Silent walk around Lake Harriet

The public is welcome and invited to attend this event, which will be focused on healing and remembrance. Attendees are encouraged to honor Justine by wearing blue, one of her signature colors, and will have an opportunity to write a special message about how her life has touched the world.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Justine Damond Memorial Fund. Donations to this fund will be allocated to the Justine Damond Social Justice Fund which will support social justice causes that were important to Justine, including causes that promote equal treatment and opportunities for all people.

Justine Ruszczyk Damond was born in 1977 and grew up in Sydney's North Beaches in Australia. As a spiritual healer and meditation coach, Damond focused her life on healing others. She moved to Minnesota to be with her fiancé in 2015 and the two were planning to wed in August 2017. On July 15, 2017, Damond was shot and killed by a Minneapolis police officer after calling 911 to report a sexual assault in her neighborhood.



Carolyn Vinup, an HCMN member, is the holistic event producer for Justine Damond's Memorial Events. She wanted to share additional details about the service on August 11.

"In addition to the details above, we are also pleased that the following musicians will participate in the event: Kadoka, Bevani, Steve Sklar and Johnna Morrow along with an Artistic Expression May Pole Dance called Bound and Woven Together. ***Please join us as we celebrate Justine. A large healing presence will be so inspirational and meaningful.***"