

# Window Cleaner, 32, Dies in Tragic Accident

## Cleaning Community Reaches Out to Support Grieving Family

by Allison Hester



On August 19, 32-year-old window cleaner Justin Bass was cleaning the windows of a new home in the Knoxville, Tennessee area when the unthinkable happened.

Justin was working from an aerial lift at about 60 feet high when the brakes gave out and the lift began to roll. The lift operator, Ian Zapower, told police investigators that despite pushing the brake button “to no avail,” the lift continued to roll until it fell over a retaining wall and landed at the edge of Douglas Lake, approximately 50 yards from where Bass had been cleaning.

After being flipped onto the rocks, Justin suffered from multiple fractures and severe head injuries. Justin died the following day, leaving behind his wife, Season, four-year-old son Parks, and one-year-old daughter Aspen.

Justin did not have life insurance.

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Brennon Williams, owner of New Albany Window Cleaning in Ohio, had first met Justin at a friend’s wedding several years ago. While they did not know each other well, Justin and Brennon were planning to attend the PWRA National Convention together on August 23.

“This tragedy really hit home,” Brennon explained. “We were both around 32, both had been married eight years, both had a four year old and a one year old, and we were both professional window cleaners. We lived parallel lives, and just like that, Justin was gone.”

To help raise money for Justin’s grieving family, Brennon founded a website – [www.ForJustin.com](http://www.ForJustin.com) – and began contacting the cleaning community. Since that

time, donations have come from a variety of people who were moved by the story.

Brennon was also allowed to speak about the fundraiser during the opening session of the PWRA National Convention, and several donations were received afterward, including a few large ones from attending vendors.

While in Tennessee for the convention, Brennon drove to Knoxville where he had dinner with Justin’s wife, Season, and her family. “It was really good to meet them,” he added.

On August 22, Justin’s wife, Season, wrote the following note : *“I want to personally thank each and every one for their donation. I am literally in tears over the loving support from friends, family, acquaintances, and those whom I have never met. It is a tremendous blessing from Jehovah... .Thank you for helping me to continue to provide for the needs of my little ones. Each and every donation is amazing to me and very special. And I thank everyone from the depths of my heart.”*

To date, Brennon’s efforts have raised over \$35,000, but there’s still plenty of need for the family. To learn more, or to make a donation, please visit [www.ForJustin.com](http://www.ForJustin.com).

*“Justin Bass loved his family, his relationship with God and working hard to provide for his wife (Season), their 4 year old son (Parks) and their 1.5 year old daughter (Aspen). Due to a very unfortunate equipment failure, Justin suffered a fatal fall from a lift while cleaning windows in Knoxville on Saturday. If you’re a window cleaner that’s thankful for your safety, you’re a friend of Justin’s that will miss his smile or if this story touches you in any other way, please help his family with their expenses by donating whatever your situation allows.”*  
– Brennon Williams, New Albany Window Cleaning