

Family and friends honour Sammy Baker's memory in Wetzlar cathedral

At the memorial service for the 23-year-old killed by Amsterdam police officers, Deacon Norbert Hark quotes Instagram posts. And actress Dorkas Kiefer sings.

Family and friends of Wetzlar fitness influencer Sammy Baker, who was killed by Dutch police officers in Amsterdam in August, gathered for a memorial service at the cathedral Friday evening.

Due to Corona, the number of participants was limited to 100. Actress Dorkas Kiefer sang "Ave Maria" and Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You."

More than three months after the tragic death of Sammy Baker, the parents, many other family members and friends have set a sign in the Wetzlar Cathedral that the 23-year-old is not being forgotten. They lit candles in front of the altar.

Still waiting for the result of the ongoing investigation

As unusual as it may be for a Catholic memorial service, it was quite obvious that Deacon Norbert Hark quoted posts of the fitness influencer and mental coach from the social networks and so let him speak for himself. Sammy Baker had around 170,000 fans following him on Instagram. Dorkas Kiefer is also among them, and the posts have always inspired her, reported the actress, who has been friends with Sammy's mother Justine for many years. When she asked her to sing during the service in Wetzlar, she did not hesitate, despite two shooting dates, said Dorkas Kiefer.

Furthermore, Sammy's family is waiting for the results of internal police investigations by the Dutch Rijksrecherche. Their report is expected to be published by mid-December. It is being investigated whether it was a tragic accident or a case of random police violence when the young man from Wetzlar was killed by officers with three shots in an Amsterdam backyard on Aug. 13. The family hired a Dutch lawyer as a precaution, their goal is to fight for justice.