

Released on behalf of the Neale family

TORONTO, Nov. 23 /CNW/ - At 39 years of age JUNO Award-winning artist Haydain Neale of jacksoul passed away Sunday, November 22, 2009 at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, after a very private seven month battle with lung cancer.

On a beautiful, sunny morning with his wife Michaela, daughter Yasmin, brother-in-law Shawn Hudson and friends Davide DiRenzo and Jennifer Hyland by his side, Haydain passed away peacefully.

Throughout his rehabilitation after a car accident in August 2007 and during his illness, Haydain always maintained a positive spirit.

In a statement from his wife Michaela; "Through all these challenges, Haydain's sense of humour and love of music were ever-present. He constantly brightened the room with his singing and his smile. His joyful presence and beautiful voice will be missed by us all."

An interment with a private family gathering will take place later this week.

The family appreciates your messages of condolence but requests that you respect their privacy during this difficult time. Messages can be left at www.jacksoul.com

SOULmate - the new album from JUNO award-winning jacksoul in stores Tuesday, December 1, 2009 All proceeds from the sale of SOULmate will go to the Haydain Neale Family Trust.

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