



Brent Winzer Sprott

December 2, 1983 - June 15, 2024

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Brent Winzer Sprott, who departed this life on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at the age of 40. Born on December 2, 1983, in Newport News, Virginia, to Sandra Kay Ellis and Bobby Ray Sprott, Brent's life was a testament to love, dedication, and boundless generosity.

Brent was raised throughout Hampton Roads, Virginia, and spent his years lovingly caring for his husband and their homes in both Newport News and Shacklefords, VA. His devotion to his family and community was unwavering, reflecting his deep compassion and hospitable nature.

A child of the forest and the fields, Brent found great solace and joy among plants and animals great and small. Throughout his lifetime, he became a father to countless plants, dozens of birds, fishes, and his dogs, cats, ducks, and chickens, each treated with love and care.

Brent pursued his education in Virginia Beach, Virginia, earning an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts Cum Laude. His culinary journey saw him serve as an executive banquet chef at Fort Magruder Hotel in Williamsburg, VA, and later achieve a bachelor's degree in Culinary Management (Magna Cum Laude), which led him to Windsor Meade assisted living facility in Williamsburg, VA, where his food and creativity warmed the hearts of many

elderly citizens.

Brent's career took a significant turn as he transitioned from hospitality to the IT sector, securing a promising position at Anthem (now Elevance Health). Through perseverance and self-driven training, he quickly rose to the esteemed role of Scrum Master, a testament to his dedication and professional growth.

Beyond his professional achievements, Brent's heart lay in nurturing his homes and his loved ones, tending to his animals, and mastering the arts of horticulture and mycology. His passion extended to advocating for the LGBTQIA+ community; and he joyfully spent nearly 10 hours each week roller-skating, meeting new people, and maintaining his vibrant health through an active and fun-driven lifestyle.

Brent's infectious good humor and positivity were known to all. He possessed a hospitable spirit, always going above and beyond to make friends, family, and even new acquaintances feel comfortable, well-fed, and happy. Brent was an excellent cook, a wise advisor, a steadfast champion, and a true hero. His warmth and generosity touched countless lives, and his overflowing love and kindness will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Brent is survived by his beloved husband, Ranit Ghosh; his in-laws, Rina and Dilip Ghosh; his mother, Sandra Kay Ellis; his sister, Trena Rhee Sprott Walton; his brother, Timothy Grant De La Raga Sprott; his niece, Heidi Blair Walton; his nephew, Timothy Grant White; and his best friend, Fabio Giuseppe Buffa. He also leaves behind his cherished pets, dogs Yukon and Woodstock, cat Coco Chanel, and many chickens and ducks with imaginative names, including Henrietta, Pearl, Chartreuse, and Sacajawea. Additionally, Brent leaves behind many dear and long-time friends and extended family. Many of his friends became more like family due to his hospitable spirit.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Vincent's Funeral Home, 417 11th St, West Point, VA 23181, with a viewing from 12 pm to 2 pm, followed by a memorial service at 2 pm. A reception will follow at Anna's Italian Restaurant, 3040 King William Ave, West Point, VA 23181.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude for the love and support during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Human Rights Campaign, which supports LGBTQIA+ rights and advocacy, using this link, honoring Brent's legacy of kindness and community.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Funeral Service

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Trena Walton - June 24, 2024 at 09:46 PM

AH

“ All our love!



Amy Hammond - June 20, 2024 at 10:39 PM

AH

“ *My dear cousin Brent - you were so loved!
You were the best parts of us! Kind. Loving.
Talented. You will be missed by all. 💕
And Granny was most proud of you since you
could knit!!*



Amy Hammond - June 20, 2024 at 10:38 PM

KA

“ *Kenneth Armstead lit a candle in memory of
Brent Winzer Sprott*



Kenneth Armstead - June 20, 2024 at 03:23 PM

RG

“ *Sitting with 2 angels. Brent, you could always light a room, you
listened and advised with your heart, you lived life to the fullest.
Give Anne a huge hug for me. Blessed to have known you and
share memories with you*



Rebecca Gibson - June 20, 2024 at 01:19 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - June 20, 2024 at 07:40 AM

CS

“ I first met Brent about a year ago, when he expressed interest in becoming a State Co-Lead for Elevance Health's PRIDE Business Resource Group (BRG). During that first conversation, the few of us that were on the call learned a lot about him. He spoke very fondly about his husband, how he had changed industries about 3 years prior and was really enjoying his scrum master role at Elevance Health. He was already a member of the BRG but wanted to take that next step into being a leader for other LGBTQ+ associates and he did just that.

For the next year, Brent, Emily Vance, and I worked alongside each other to make the Virginia chapter even better than it already was. Brent quickly created a distribution list, oversaw the newsletter, and brought wonderful ideas to all of our meetings. Every time I saw Brent in the office, he radiated such positive energy. He had a beautiful smile and beautiful soul. I most recently saw him at the on-site pride event we had at our office on the 12th. He looked and sounded amazing. I am so thankful that I got to know him and work with him. My deepest condolences to Ranit and the rest of Brent's loved ones. He will be sorely missed.



Christina Schmidt - June 19, 2024 at 04:01 PM



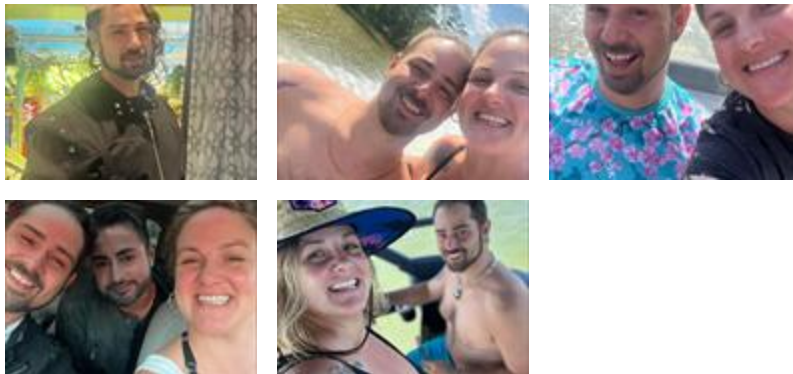
“ *Chrissy DeVane lit a candle in memory of Brent Winzer Sprott*



Chrissy DeVane - June 18, 2024 at 11:25 PM

SB

“ *You were the best person and always wanted the best for others. You always gave the best advice and always had a positive outlook on life! I am sure going to miss all the funny nicknames! 🥹 I am truly blessed to have known such a wonderful soul!*



sara beames - June 18, 2024 at 10:20 PM

AW

“ *Brent was such an amazing soul! He was so much fun and he was hilarious! Such a bright light and great energy to be around. He will definitely be missed.*



Aftan Williams - June 18, 2024 at 09:12 PM

TB

I worked with Brent at Fort Magruder Hotel, he was a nice and wonder guy always kept you laughing. I'm gonna miss you Brent, rest on brother. ❤️❤️

Tracy Bland - June 18, 2024 at 10:01 PM