



Brandon James Vealey

January 27, 1984 - May 1, 2020

On Friday, May 1, 2020, Brandon James Vealey of Richmond, Virginia, passed away at the age of 36.

Brandon was born on January 27, 1984 to Charles and Kim Vealey. On June 12, 2015 he married the love of his life, Michael Alan DePhillip.

Brandon was preceded in death by his father, Charles; his paternal grandfather, Sherman Vealey; his maternal grandfather, James Bostic; his maternal grandmother, Patricia Jean Bostic; and his paternal uncle, Robert Jason "R.J." Vealey. He is survived by his husband, Michael; his mother, Kim; his brother and his husband, Jeremy Vealey and William Wallace; his sister and her husband, Amy Sales and Stephen Sales; and his paternal grandmother, Rosie Vealey; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Throughout his short life, Brandon amassed hundreds of friends. He was easy to love and be loved and had the enchanting ability to engage others and quickly make them lifelong friends. Brandon met people where they were and accepted all. The youngest of three, he developed a sensational sense of humor that gained him early attention. As an adult, his unique wittiness placed him squarely in the spotlight, a place he lovingly utilized to become friends with people from all walks of life. He was quick to insert a quip or to quote a movie or song into conversation, leaving anyone around with side stitches caused by painfully joyous laughing. Brandon had a deep love of photography. His personal style captured angles, patterns, color, and contrast. He loved family photos and was the unofficial photo archivist of the family. Rather than offer a verbal or written response, Brandon would often use a photo to communicate a point, feeling, or, in Brandon style, just to make everyone laugh. Brandon loved music, and each celebration, family event, or personal goal in his life had its own specialized playlist. Brandon loved entertaining and welcomed all to a uniquely fabulous time with him. His signature colors were silver, gold, and white, and anyone who came to his home was surrounded by his welcoming spirit and a regal feeling, both a result of the attention to detail that Brandon put into making each event or simple visit simply marvelous. He was the epitome of the phrase he coined,

"Vealey Fabulous."

He was known for his infectious smile and humor and his kind and compassionate spirit. Brandon loved his work as an interior designer, and he lit up the room with his joy and selfless generosity. His style, humor, and hospitality touched everyone who knew him. He was beloved by his family and friends and will sorely be missed.

A drive-in celebration of Brandon's life will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2020 in the parking lot of the Chester Chapel of J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home. While in the parking lot, please visit www.jtmorriss.com to watch a live stream of the service. The family will greet friends following the service. Friends will drive through the portico for a brief exchange of condolences with the family. Also, please consider visiting the funeral home website or calling into the funeral home to leave a Hug from Home signifying your attendance at the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the VCU Massey Cancer Center. Even in death, Brandon preferred for donations to be made to help others at the facility that helped his father during his battle with pancreatic cancer.

To donate, visit support.vcu.edu/give/Massey and select that "This gift is a tribute," then select "In memory of," and enter "Brandon James Vealey."

Events

MAY **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM
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Chester Chapel
3050 W. Hundred Road, Chester, VA, US, 23831

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - May 22 at 09:19 AM

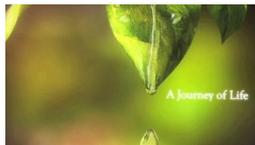


“ What a beautiful and uplifting service. I pray God's blessings for all who loved Brandon.

Lynn Rogers - May 22 at 08:35 PM



“ A tribute video has been added.

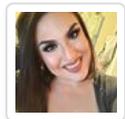


J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - May 21 at 05:17 PM



“ I've known Brandon since he was a little boy and his family for nearly 40 years. He was such a cute little boy and grew into such a handsome man. My thoughts and prayers are with this special family as they bare this unimaginable loss. My God grant them comfort and peace.

Lynn - May 22 at 01:49 PM



“ I would like to send my love and prayers to the family of this man. Kim Vealy you are so precious to our family. May God send you smiles and you find comfort in the memories you all have during this time.

Kristin - May 22 at 02:54 PM



“ Oh Kim , There just aren't any words...

Diana Hundley - May 22 at 04:14 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss and extend our condolences to Kim and family.





Sue Breeding - June 10 at 04:41 PM



“ What a lovely tribute to a joyous, beautiful person. My thoughts are with you, Mike, and with all of the family.

Jamie - May 22 at 02:41 PM



“ Everyone comes into our lives for a season, whether a long season or a brief season. Brandon came through mine for a brief season, but impacted my heart just as much if not more than others. Being able to share in a 'cause' and project with this incredibly giving soul made his time in my life a blessing I will never forget.

Mike, you were a very lucky man my friend.

To Brandon's family, my sincerest condolences, may God's love bring you a little more peace with each passing day.

Angela Pipia



Angela Pipia - May 22 at 09:26 AM



“ Brandon was such a happy person! What a beautiful person and soul! He will be missed greatly.
Helen



Helen Bowles - May 22 at 08:08 AM



“ 84 files added to the album LifeTributes



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - May 21 at 05:14 PM



“ Bob & Sharon O'Neill purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Brandon James Vealey.



Bob & Sharon O'Neill - May 21 at 02:31 PM



“ With Love and Light, Mitra purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brandon James Vealey.



With Love and Light, Mitra - May 20 at 09:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brandon James Vealey.



May 19 at 08:54 PM



“ Mike and family,
Although we had only met Brandon one time, we knew he was a special person. He had a beautiful smile and was very friendly.
Mike, we are hoping you can find peace during this difficult time. Brandon will always be with you.

Our condolences,

Donna and Bill Bryant

Donna & Bill Bryant - May 19 at 06:04 PM



“ Uncle Bob, Aunt Millie and Michael purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Brandon James Vealey.



Uncle Bob, Aunt Millie and Michael - May 19 at 01:31 PM



“ I worked with Brandon's dad Chuck for many years. He was very proud of his family and you could tell how much he loved them.
I hope the many fond memories Kim and all the family shared with Brandon will help to provide comfort in the days and months ahead.
My thoughts and prayers go out to all the Vealey family.
In deepest sympathy.

Buddy Peace
Richmond, Va.

Buddy Peace - May 19 at 06:39 AM



“ I may have met Brandon, in person, 3 times over the “Tracey and Amy years past”....
The one word that comes to mind is hilarious. Those 3 times stay in my heart forever!
Kristie (Tracey's sister)

Kristie“Hall”Leary - May 18 at 11:04 PM



“ May Brandon’s family find comfort in beautiful memories. He was kindhearted, warm, and charming.

ann - May 18 at 10:24 AM



“ Brandon, you were by far one of the most beautiful people I have ever known. I am grateful to call you family. Even as a young child you always had a big presence. You and I shared our love of Amy Winehouse and everytime I listen to her I always think of you. You had such a beautiful soul. Thank you for always being you. To my cousins Kim, Amy, Jeremy....I know there is an emptiness no one can ever fill as you are all so close. To Mike, I know you will cherish all the memories you have of your time with Brandon. Always hold on to them. Please know that we all loved him deeply. Love you all, Julie, Thomas, Austin, Sydney and Asher Derr

Julie Derr - May 18 at 07:56 AM



“ Sometimes when things happen you can't make any sense of it. Sometimes we get to know why at the time and other times, we don't. As painful as they are, it's God's time not ours... When God gives us a gift then wants it back, who are we?

Brandon, I am forever grateful I had the privilege to know you, even if for a short time.

Anonymous - May 18 at 06:33 AM



“ My one word description of Brandon would be...charming. What a gift he had to instantly make people comfortable with his stories and sense of humor. He was so handsome and his smile just lit up a room. He left many memories in his short life and I am sure most are funny. So many share your broken heart and tremendous loss of Brandon.

Bill & Teri Rittenhouse



Teri Rittenhouse - May 17 at 08:05 PM



“ What a handsome young man and much too young for this to have happened. My heart breaks for you and your family.
Virtual hugs,
Valerie Covington

Valerie Covington - May 17 at 01:09 PM



“ I remember riding the bus to school and Brandon having the entire bus rolling with laughter. He was always so funny and confident even as a younger kid.
I know how much it hurts to lose a sibling and my heart goes out to you Amy and Jeremy.

Tim Ratliff - May 16 at 06:23 PM



“ I will so sorely miss his handsome smile, the way he made me laugh and the fun that followed him. Knowing him for these short 20+ years, I wouldn't give up a single day to take away the pain. An incredible man. I love you Bran. Love, Tracey



Tracey Bradner - May 14 at 12:24 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brandon James Vealey.



May 13 at 10:21 AM



“ Brandon was always such a delight to be around and always made you smile. He's was one of those rare beautiful souls to whom you instantly click with. We have been so blessed to have several fun memories of Brandon. My deepest condolences and love go out to Mike and his family. He truly was fabulous! He will be greatly missed.
The Ruby Family



Rhianna Ruby - May 13 at 08:37 AM



“ Our last communication was a text on 4/21/2020, the day Grandma Rosie was discharged from the hospital. He sent me good vibes and called me a saint. I will cherish our words to each other forever. I love you, Brandon, and I know you are with your Dad and Grandparents watching over us. Mike, Kim, Jeremy, Amy, Will and Stephen, I lift you up daily in my prayers for strength, courage and peace to ease your sorrow. I love all of you, Aunt Cindy.

Mary (Cindy) Veazey - May 12 at 06:58 PM



“ Mike, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. I love you and pray for your strength.

Tina Barrett

Tina Barrett - May 22 at 12:19 PM