



Brent Michael Chelkonas

March 18, 2023

Brent Michael Chelkonas passed away unexpectedly from cardiac arrest on March 18, 2023. He is survived by his husband, Todd Van Gunten, his two brothers, Bruce Chelkonas and Bryan Chelkonas, and Bryan's wife, Dianna. He also is survived by niece Brianna, and nephews Kyle, Bruce Aaron, Nathan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Deborah Chelkonas.

Brent and his husband were together for over 26 years. They both loved to travel and have Sunday Brunch. Brent particularly loved visiting Provincetown, East Hampton, Palm Springs and the gulf coast of Florida, where he and Todd were planning to retire. Brent was also a chef quality cook and loved to prepare meals for friends and family.

Brent spent his early life in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Brent graduated from University of Massachusetts at Boston, with a BS in Marketing. He started his career in retail at top brands like This End Up, Banana Republic, Cyber Smith, and Pottery Barn. On September 11, 2001, he started Flight Attendant School. He was a Flight Attendant for USA3000 for 10 years until the airline was shuttered. He then went back to school to become a Stylist. He worked at K Salon for over a decade where he built a loyal and dedicated clientele.

Brent will be deeply missed by his husband, family and close friends. We will love you forever, Brent.

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Luis & Jamie purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Brent Michael Chelkonas.



Luis & Jamie - March 25, 2023 at 02:10 PM

SE

“ This is the day Brent and I met in the Spring of 2016. We were introduced by our mutual friend, Bryan as I was looking for a new barber at the time. Brent offered me a complimentary cut and the rest is history- every three weeks for the next 6 years I would be in his 'chair'. We quickly became good friends sharing many brunch outings at Parc, Espresso Martinis at the JG Sky Lounge; Brent and Todd were guests at Dan and my wedding and we spent a weekend away in Baltimore. What I'll miss most though are the conversations at Salon K. I always enjoyed catching up and hearing all the gossip and stories he had to share. I will miss all these things dearly. Rest easy, my dear friend. Much love to Todd and Brent's family and friends.



Steve Endres - March 25, 2023 at 01:56 PM

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DA

Sorry that he was wonderful guy

david - July 07, 2023 at 04:45 PM

BL

“ Brent always looked forward ... the newest byob, the next vacation, and finally retiring with Todd. I loved my hair appts with him and the fun dinners. Can't believe he is gone.💔 Much love, Brigid & Alec

Brigid Lamon - March 23, 2023 at 11:42 PM

RR

“ Brent my friend! I will never forget our escapades since 1984 when I first met you! It was blast, from living in the South End of Boston together to heading to Peter and Tom's before the hot time to be at the bar! May you "Rest in Peace" my friend. I wish we would have connected in Philly pre Covid! Always, your friend Ron.

Ron Rouillard - March 23, 2023 at 08:44 PM

RR

Stupid me! I love you my buddy...always!!! RIP!

Ron Rouillard - April 02, 2023 at 11:04 PM



“ We will deeply miss Brent who always had a smile and made us laugh while getting our hair cuts at Salon K. The conversations between Brent and my husband always turned into food talk and sharing recipes. Rest in Peace Dear Friend! Love, Matt and Valerie

Valerie McGoldrick - March 22, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ Brent I will truly miss our time together whether it be getting my haircut on your chair and getting caught up on what I may have missed plus having dinner drinks and other good times with you and Todd. Positive thoughts and prayers to Todd and family and friends xoxo you will be truly missed and always in my heart. Kip and Matt xoxo

Kip Phelps - March 22, 2023 at 09:09 AM



A day removed and knowing how precious our family and friends and our lives are and mean so deeply, I am so sad and shocked to say, we are not promised.....however, I always thought we had one more 'experience' together with our family and friends. With that said, I will always hold you in my heart and prayers, and visit with Todd and K and family and friends.....thank you Brent for the love and care and heart you have given to me, Matt and so many others that will always love you and Todd. xoxo

Kip - March 23, 2023 at 10:37 PM

LD

“ *My sweet Brent. I can't believe i see you the same day God had other plans. I loved your smile, the way you loved my adventures in my work and the way you, Kay and i would bust a gut laughing mg in the salon. My heart aches in disbelief. I cherish our friendship, love ab be thank you for all the fun and memories and being a part of my life. Forever in my heart dear Brent.*



Laura DeRiggi - March 22, 2023 at 06:24 AM

KS

“ *Brent and I met 25 years ago . We became friends immediately. He came in to get a haircut every week when he was a flight attendant. When he asked my opinion about going to Beauty school , I said, go for it . When you graduate , there's a chair waiting for you. And that's all she wrote . Been standing next to him for 15 years . We shared many happy and sad times in our personal and salon life. We always had a belly laugh about a Laverne and Shirley episode . “ Betty , please pick up “ he would say.. We would roar Til tears came ! I miss him terribly ! Scissors are down , but his espresso martini is up in the clouds ... Much love to Todd his husband / friend and their families ! May he rest in Peace !*
Kay - Salon K



Kay Shrader - March 21, 2023 at 07:53 PM

KP

Love this and positive thoughts and prayers to you as well K. Xoxo. God bless Todd and family and friends xoxo

Kip Phelps - March 22, 2023 at 09:15 AM

CB

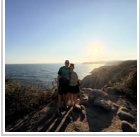
So very sad to hear of the passing of Brent. I remember him fondly from the years he was a client at Rocker Head Salon. He always had a smile to give and a kind word to say. My deepest and sincere condolences to his husband Todd, his family, and the staff at Salon K, I'm sure they're all devastated. I know all too well how it feels to lose someone you love. My heart goes out to all of you! ☐❤️

Cathy Blair - March 22, 2023 at 08:07 PM

VM

So terribly sad to hear about Brent. I got my hair cut by him for over 13 years and went back to him even when I moved to Boston for three years and even when I ended up on the other side of town back in Philly. He was a good friend and he absolutely radiated with love for his life with Todd. It was so clear always how happy you made each other and how grateful he was for his life with Todd and his friendship with Kay.

Vanessa Mazandi - April 20, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ While I will never have had enough time with you Brent, the time we did have was so incredibly special. I’m beyond grateful you and Uncle Todd were at our wedding and then we were able to relax and get closer with the sand between our toes in the DR. So many memories Tyler and I have been sharing but Brent, we are bringing you the ultimate turndown service come your celebration. Cheers to the vibrance you brought to our lives. All the love to you and Uncle Todd (here for you always) ❤️



Kaitlyn Roten - March 21, 2023 at 06:40 PM

PJ

“ I will forever cherish the many many times we spent together over the years and all the laughter that always accompanied. Not having you here is a huge void in my life. Until we meet again dear sweet Brent. All my love to you and to Todd and your families

Philip Judson - March 21, 2023 at 05:35 PM

DW

“ What can I say? A true and loving friend for all these years. What times we have had at Brunch, Travelling at home enjoying your wonderful cooking. We were to spend this weekend here in Manchester . Rest In Peace. 🙏

David Walsh - March 21, 2023 at 05:25 PM

NG

“ *My dear sweet Brent, oh how I miss you. We had such fun times together, and I truly believe we will someday be together again. In the meantime, I'll do all I can to be there for Todd. Love you, miss you.*

Nancy Van Gunten - March 21, 2023 at 05:10 PM