



Dr. Avery H. Bratt

November 22, 1955 - September 10, 2020

Dr. Avery Bratt died on September 10th, 2020 at the age of 64 of several chronic health conditions amidst a global pandemic, an increasingly disgruntled planet, and surrounded by his wife and three children.

“Sometimes we live no particular way but our own...”

Avery was born on November 22nd 1955 in Chicago, Illinois to a couple who weren't able, at that time, to usher in the light and gift that was to become Avery. Loved and raised by Aleck and Anne Bratt in Kansas City, Avery was a brilliant and mischievous child and an integral part of the KC Bratt family clan. Known for his curiosity, generosity, and wild-side, Avery attended Kent State, then the University of Oklahoma in the mid 70's for undergrad and Texas Tech for his PhD in Counseling Psychology. As a child of the 60's and 70's Avery was a music lover, wrapping himself in the grooves and jams of the Grateful Dead, Talking Heads, Eric Burdon, Jim Morrison, and he even jammed with Canned Heat during a layover at MCI. Avery studied and lived the human condition through his love of music, his career, and through the nurturing of his own family. He met his wife, Laura, in 1985 at Texas Tech. A kindred spirit, she had enrolled in the same counseling psych program at Tech. Following a wild love that brought them from Texas to Florida, they gave birth to their first child, Ashur Ellis, in Merritt Island, Florida in 1989. Micah Teva soon followed in 1990, Hanah Marlee in 1993, and Aleck Teva in 1997 in Kansas City.

“Every silver lining's got a touch of grey...”

Avery was generous, kind, curious, and he carried some heavy weights in this world. His desire to be good, to leave the world better than when he found it, and to invite, exude, and cultivate unconditional love often overshadowed his natural inclination towards flow, chill, and ease. And when he tried to change the world and the world spat back, it left him feeling a bit too small. Jerry sings, “There is a road, no simple highway, between the dawn and the dark of the night,” and Avery was a frequent driver navigating the gap between light and dark.

If you ask the thousands impacted by Avery's life they'd describe him as, “light, care-free,

mellow, intelligent, and respectful.” Avery was an adamant hippie carrying the burden of the world’s weight without the willingness to shed or share the load. He touched the lives of thousands in the world of mental health and neurofeedback and shared his gift for healing with so many. He is not alone in leaving a legacy of healing work in the form of Midwest neurofeedback and three amazing children: A joyous renaissance man, an intuitive teacher, and a radical and unreasonable free spirit. Avery created a space for his children and those around him to be the people they wanted to be.

“The grass ain’t greener, the wine ain’t sweeter, either side of the hill,” Jerry belts out as he lays down a final track to a crowd of thousands on an open lawn. Avery was always trying to get to that greener side and bring everyone with him. We implore you, to stop, breathe, and look around at just how green your grass is right where you are.

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Events

Sheffield Cemetery

6200 Wilson Road
Kansas City, MO,

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Zoom Graveside Service

01:00PM

Please call funeral home for Zoom information.
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Comments



“ .Avery was extremely kind and knowledgeable and very gifted in his work with neurofeedback. He helped me greatly in my recovery from a brain injury and I know he helped many others, In the time. we worked together we became friends and shared much about our clinical work and about life. Shortly before he passed I brought him a book and we had time to chat. He. Wasn't well and but still expressed his passion for his work and his kids. I am sure His adventuress spirit and the twinkle in his eyes made it easy for him to give his kids permission to be all that they could be, and I am believe he will live on through all the great things they will accomplish. I am grateful to have known him. Phyllis Carozza

phyllis carozza - September 28, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ I was in a Beta Reset training with Avery and Laura in LA probably 10 years ago. Such a lovely and inspiring man. I am so sad. Deepest condolences to Laura and all the family.
Ruth Cohn
San Francisco

Ruth Cohn - September 21, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Dad in all his glory



Ashur Bratt - September 19, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ Ah Laura and family.i am so sorry for your loss of Avery next to you. Better than any of us you know what a special being he was. Max Gibson shared the news of his passing with me. I wrote to Max that It seemed to me that Avery kept his candle under a shade. That he wanted to quiet his own glow so that he could enjoy everyone else's shine. He inspired and guided. Love and good memories to you all.

dana gibson - September 15, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ Laura and kids. I was so sad to see about Avery. What a very nice person. I hope his memory is for a blessing.

jessica rudnick - September 15, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ Laura, I was so saddened to hear the news of Avery's passing. He was such a warm and thoughtful guy. My sincere condolences.

Neil Barnett

Neil Barnett - September 14, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Lorri and I we're saddened to hear of Avery's passing . We both had a lot of good childhood memories of Avery. The obituary was such an accurate account of Avery and his life. Laura, we send our deepest condolences to you and the Bratt family. Avery had such a special spirit that will be missed....

Lorri and Howie Coppaken

Howard Coppaken - September 14, 2020 at 01:19 AM



“ Laura, Hannah and Family, I was shocked to open my email and see Avery's obituary. I never knew he had health issues. It saddens me that he was taken from all of you so young. He was a remarkable soul, soft spoken and kind. May you be comforted among the Mourners of Israel. Sending love and hugs. Cara



cara Krashin - September 13, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ I'hitraot cuz ave...its been a long strange trip...with fond memories all along the way...we'll meet up together for another dead concert with you, jerry, alan beryl & joel p...!chaim



Kevin Bratt - September 13, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ Donna Palatas lit a candle in memory of Dr. Avery H. Bratt



Donna Palatas - September 13, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ My thoughts are with the whole family. My his memory be for a blessing.

Nancy Hipsh Wolff - September 13, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ Laura and children, we are so sorry for your loss.
Avery left too soon but quite a legacy he left! To hear Ashur and Aleck speak so lovingly of his kindness, mischievousness, intelligence, and journeys on roads less travelled brought back a flood of fond memories.
We're proud of you, cuz, and mourn your departure.

Love,
Randy and Ellen

Randy Weinstein and Ellen Walterscheid - September 13, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ I had my first conversation with Avery on a bus to the Denver airport - after his intro course to neurofeedback. I could tell then - he had great passion for helping people - and had a powerful way of connecting. I've felt connected to him - and to Laura, every time I had the privilege to see them. I knew he struggled with health issues for a long time, but didn't every seem to complain - just took it as it came. My blessings to you and your family Laura for I know you already miss him greatly. It was an honor to know Avery.

Michael Cohen - September 13, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ Avery went through Center schools with my husband, Rick and myself. They shared the same birthdate. After graduation, our paths crossed every 5 years when I would call and talk to him about coming to our class of '74 Yellowjacket reunions. We had lengthy conversations on many topics and memories. We admired him for his accomplishments and how he always strived to make the world a better place. My parents were both diagnosed with Alzheimers. Clinical psychology how his personalized approach to every person and research. When Kevin came back from Switzerland for the 45th, we were sure we had talked Avery into joining the group. We will miss his presence. Laura, you are always welcome to attend our Center functions and share memories with us of Avery's years since graduation. Keep in touch. Joy and Rick Weekly

Joy Gieringer Weekly - September 13, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to Laura and children Ashur, Hanah, and Aleck. We have such fond memories of Avery as your children grew up with ours in this community. May the example of Avery's good and purposeful life sustain you through your grief, and may his memory be for a blessing to all of us.
Shari and Michael Sokol

Shari Sokol - September 13, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ My heart is broken. Over 10 years ago I met him and through my years with him at MWNF my life was changed. He was the light for those of us experiencing darkness. I will miss him forever. Condolences to the family. Susan Lovell

Susan Lovell - September 13, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Laura, my very deepest sympathy. Marla always spoke of your family while she guided all of you in Israel.
arlene shalinsky

arlene shalinsky - September 13, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Thank you Avery for your beautiful life. You faced life's challenges with grace and patience.

John L'Ecuyer - September 12, 2020 at 11:51 PM



“ I first got to meet Avery as a client of mine. It did not take long for us to connect. We both learned from each other. Our conversations went from business to religion to parenting to just plain life. We became friends and one that I valued. I pray for Laura and family. May G-d grant you peace and understanding and wisdom.

Bruce Parker - September 12, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ Condolences to the Bratt family. Remembering Avery with a smile throughout our school years. May your memories of Avery bring a smile to you.

Diana Penner Bright - September 12, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ Lara Danciak lit a candle in memory of Dr. Avery H. Bratt



Lara Danciak - September 12, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Avery's passing. I hope he and you, Laura, know the depth of the impact he had on me and my family. He (and the whole MWNF team) have helped us through some rough times. I will miss his insight, support and laughter. He left a great imprint on so many people. Our community was lucky to have had him.

Addie Harte - September 12, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ Wonderful memories of Avery, my closest friend in early grade school who lived two houses away at 7936 Holmes

Bennett Parnes - September 12, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ I loved the hours Lauren and I spent with Dr. Bratt trying to soak up everything he had to teach us. He was kind, funny, and insatiably curious. Our practice is successful today because of his belief in us and his willingness to share everything he knew about neurofeedback and the brain. Although we were separate practices seeing the same types of clients there wasn't a competitive bone in his body. He wanted us to succeed because he wanted the field to succeed and he wanted more people helped. I am forever grateful that he so freely leant his knowledge and experience to us. He was one of a kind. I will miss him dearly.

Susan Dunaway - September 12, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ I have been blessed to know, and to have worked with Avery. He is, and will continue to be a gracious, loving soul. My deepest condolences to Laura and family.

Susan Hayes - September 12, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ My condolences to Laura, Avery's children and the entire Bratt family. Avery was profoundly deep---an 'old soul.' May your memories comfort you and time ease your hearts.

Eileen Jagoda



Eileen Jagoda - September 12, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ Laura, my sincerest condolences to you and the kids. What a fitting tribute to Avery. Gone way too soon.

Sending love and prayers,
Cindy Foss

Cindy Foss - September 12, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ I deeply appreciate the light that Avery shined in my life, and the lives of others with whom we worked. I also treasure our GD conversations and tapes shared. "Lay down, my dear brother. Lay down and take your rest...I bid you goodnight."

Leslie Bjork - September 12, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ Laura, I was saddened to hear the news about Avery...I considered him a friend and a wonderful practitioner. The world has lost an important soul. My best goes out to you and your family, with hopes of healing as best you can. John Shuchart

john shuchart - September 12, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ Unique and beautiful words for a unique and special man.

Talking to our children, their first thoughts were how much he loved his kids and Laura.

We send our deepest condolences.
Our thoughts are with you!

The Rosenstock Family

Rosenstock Family - September 12, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ What a beautiful obituary and tribute to a man who gave so much of himself to so many.

Paige Gerson - September 12, 2020 at 02:23 AM



“ This beautiful obituary brought me to tears. The world has lost a beautiful soul and my thoughts are with the entire Bratt family tonight.

Deborah Salkov - September 11, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Bratt Family upon the loss of Avery. Avery was a member of my fifth grade class at Hartman Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri. He was very smart, but mischievous and marched to the tune of a different drummer. I would run into him periodically over the years, and he always seemed glad to see me.
May his memory be for a blessing.
Beverly Newman

Beverly Newman - September 11, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Catherine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Avery H. Bratt



Catherine Lewis - September 11, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ I'm Shocked at the loss of my favorite Cousin. I will miss his loving spirit and sincerity. We would frequently talk on the phone and at the end of every conversation he would say I love you Dennis. I Love you Avery, and I will miss you dearly. You're loving Cousin, Dennis.

Dennis Kaufman - September 12, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ Avery was a kind, caring and loving cousin. His gentle soul will be missed by the family and all who had the pleasure of knowing him. May his memory be for a blessing.

Rickie and Dr. Ed Haith



Rickie Haith - September 11, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Bratt family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Harris H. Wilder

Harris Wilder - September 11, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Goodbye to my favorite Cousin whom I spent my entire Childhood growing up with. You're kind and loving spirit will be missed. I'll see you on the other side Cuz. You're loving Cousin, Dennis.

Dennis Kaufman - September 11, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ When we were kids he had a fake front tooth. He could take it out and put it back. I thought that was the greatest. He lived on Holmes if anyone knew him then. One of the sweetest guys I ever knew. Brian Bucksner

Brian Bucksner - September 11, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ What a loss for all of us who were touched by Avery's kind personality and brilliant mind.
My deepest condolences to the family. May God console you with all who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem

Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn and family

Jacques Cukierkorn - September 11, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ I'm shocked and so sorry to hear of Avery's passing. I spent a lot of time shuttling Isaac to and from your house when he and Ashur were best friends in school. And I came to love your whole family. Laura, I'm so very sorry. I've thought of you and your family and have meant to get in touch so many times over the years. And Ashur, I can't tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Avery was a charming and kind man and a brilliant and innovative psychologist, but perhaps his finest role was as a father. It's such a difficult time to lose a loved one because we can't gather and give you the love and support you no doubt need and very much deserve. I'm just so very sorry.

Harlene Hipsh - September 11, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ My heart hurts today upon the news of Avery's passing. Your description of him in the obituary is so true of the person he was. I know he has struggled long and can only hope he has found peace. A very genuine person to say the least. My thoughts and prayers are with you Laura and the kids. I hope one day soon you can remember all the wonderful memories you made and be able to smile again when you speak of him. Melanie

Melanie Jacobs McGraw - September 11, 2020 at 03:03 PM