



Matthew Van Dam

March 1, 1987 - July 6, 2016

Matthew Lee Van Dam, age 29 of Hudsonville went home to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday, July 6, 2016 after a courageous 3 ½ year battle with cancer. Matt was an avid NASCAR fan; he loved football but mostly enjoyed sharing his unique sense of humor with his family and friends. Matt is survived by his parents Dennis and Sharon Van Dam of Hudsonville, siblings: Karla Van Dam (Brown) of Hudsonville, Amber and Ward Williams of Nashville, TN; nephews: Riley Van Dam, Leroy Brown, Rockwell Williams and niece Taryn Brown; grandparents: Juella Van Dam, Harvey and Shirley Meeusen; aunts and uncles: Wayne and Jill Van Dam, Paul and Dawn Van Dam, Marc and Mary Van Dam, Jeff and Kathy Meeusen, Scott and Cyndy Van Oostendorp, John and Kathy Kruse and Greg and Kathy Meeusen and many loved cousins. Matt was preceded in death by his grandparents Nelson and Doris Van Dam.

Matt graduated Hudsonville High School, Grand Valley State University and worked at Mercantile Bank in Grand Rapids.

Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, July 10, 2016 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland. The funeral service will be 1 p.m. Monday, July 11, 2016 at First Reformed Church, 148 East Central Avenue, Zeeland. Pastor Merle Bremer and the Reverend Scott Van Oostendorp will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Interment will be in Bentheim Cemetery. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Van Dam*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"I'm so sorry Sharon. I just heard tonight about Matt's homegoing. Grace and peace to you neighbor."*

Sharon Ruff - July 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I worked with Matt at the bank and also volunteered with him for Habitat for Humanity on several occasions. He had such a great smile and positive attitude that you couldn't help but like him!! Truly a great guy and will be missed. I am so very sorry for your loss. Your heartbreak must be unimaginable. My prayers go out to you all that God gives you strength through these difficult days and comfort that only His peace can bring."*

Kristin Duncan - July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Thoughts and prayers from NC for Amber & Ward and the family and friends of Matthew. I hope many wonderful memories help carry you through these days ahead."*

Sandy Carver - July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TV

“Praying for our Lord's peace to bring you comfort, His strength to give you courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts~ Jeff & Tam Velderman (friends of Marc & Mary)”

Tam Velderman - July 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“Hi Sharon! live in Holland and saw this in the Sentinel news app- recognized his grandparents name and then all of you- and that he is your son- my deepest sympathies and prayers for peace that passes understanding - to you and your family. May you hear wonderful memories and tributes in the coming days from all who knew and loved him”

Linda Milanowski - July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.”

Bob and Kristi Morse - July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Dear Denny, Sharon and Family...please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of your son Matthew. Sincerely, your old Oakland friend..Amy Compagner Basch.”

A friend - July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Denny and Sharon I am so sorry for your loss. My heart hurts with you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Jaime (your former co-worker, Sharon)”

Jaime Cole - July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“Denny, Sharon and family - Matt's journey on earth is over and his new life in Heaven has only just begun. What joy to know that Matt is pain free and rejoicing with his Savior. Your family is beginning a new journey, a difficult journey. God loves each of you and will guide you through these difficult days. He will not leave your side and He understands your grief. *Philippians 4:7* And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Steve and Faith Steketee - July 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“So sorry Dennis for you and your family. Terrible loss.”

les Dykema - July 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“Praying for your family's continued comfort and peace. We are celebrating Matt's entrance to heaven with you but our hearts miss him. Still picturing him with that baseball cap and big smile. Love you guys! And here is a big hug for you Aunt Sharon! Xoxo”

Greg and Jessica Meeusen - July 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“Our prayers are with you all. What a nice young man Matt was. The peace we have is knowing that our Heavenly Father will take care of him - he is in good hands. Just knowing he is in no more pain and no longer suffers is good. Our hearts go out to you all.”

Gordon - July 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM