



## Matthew L. Van Der Molen

January 11, 1982 - September 15, 2021

Click on the link below to watch Matt Van Der Molen Funeral Service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RG6JUPQNypc>

Matthew L. Van Der Molen passed away peacefully at his home in Sterling, VA, on September 15, 2021. He was born on January 11, 1982, in Richland Center, WI, the son of William R. and Maureen (Clark) Van Der Molen.

He was a compassionate and caring Son who loved his family. He was always willing to help others and took the time to listen and to be a friend to many. He lived life to the fullest, living in Virginia for the last 16 years with many adventures of rock climbing, hiking, playing volleyball, paddle boarding, just to name a few. He was currently employed at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture as a Senior Management Analyst.

Survivors of Matt are his mother Maureen Van Der Molen of Richland Center, brother Nels Nelson of Madison, grandparents William A. and Margaret Van Der Molen of Soldiers Grove, Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father William R. Van Der Molen, grandfather Edward Clark, grandmothers Evelyn Clark and Sharlyn Cameron.

Private family funeral services will be held on October 7, 2021. Donations may be given to the family and will be forwarded to a charity of Matt's choice. The Clary Memorial Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

Matt's funeral service link.

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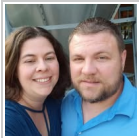
# Tribute Wall

SA

“ I first met Matt while working at the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I remember him knowing all the great spots to hike and rock climb. I was fortunate to get out a few times with him to hike. The photos here show one of our hikes at old rag mountain in Shenandoah. You couldn't have met a nicer person who was always there to offer a helping hand. I will miss you my dear friend.



Santiago - July 28, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ I worked with Matt during his time as BIA. He was always so funny, happy and very talented. I remember when he became a government employee from a contractor how excited he was. I will miss out work chats and just talking about life in general at the gym at work. Matt was an amazing person who touched more lives than he realized. I know many will miss him from BIA.

Katie Goins - April 20, 2022 at 08:49 AM

ME

“ My deepest condolences to the family during this difficult time. I worked with Matt at Department of Agriculture; actually on the same branch. He will definitely be missed!!! Praying for strength and comfort for all!!!

Mary Estep - October 13, 2021 at 01:22 PM

TJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Tamara V Joyner** - October 11, 2021 at 07:32 PM

TJ

*When Matt came to visit, he would jump into whatever we were working on or doing with enthusiasm. He was always up for any adventure and so very wonderful to be with. My life is blessed to have experienced and witnessed Matt's bright light of kindness, adventure, and thoughtful compassion. He lives on in my heart forever as he continues to inspire me to be a better human.*

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**Tamara V Joyner** - October 11, 2021 at 08:03 PM

LB

“ *Maureen, Deepest sympathy and condolences go out to you and your Family at this time of loss, was sorry to hear about Matt and with the passing of Bill too. Prayers go out to all of you.*

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**Lee and Janeen Barreau** - October 07, 2021 at 08:35 PM

PH

“ *My deepest condolences to Matt's family and friends. I am honored to have Matt in my life with numerous memories, adventures, and meals with Matt. He always had such a love for the outdoors, food, and a knack for learning and adventure! We hiked and ate a lot over the years and I always looked forward to our next adventure whenever I'd return to Virginia for a visit. I would love to hear more stories about him and share my own memories of him. With sympathy, Phil*



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**Phil** - October 07, 2021 at 02:23 PM

JA

“ *Maureen, my condolence to you and the fam.*

*I can't even imagine what you are going through but please know Matt has alot of great friends who love him and all appreciated Matt and what he brought to our lives. I'm fortunate enough to call Matty one of my best friends and I know he is at a better place now.*

*Nothing but positivity and love, and we will continue to carry on what Matt always represented... to live life to the fullest*



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**Jackson** - October 06, 2021 at 11:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Matthew L. Van Der Molen.*



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October 05, 2021 at 10:05 PM

SN

“ To Matt's Family and Friends. I was the servicing HR Specialist and had the privilege of working with Matt in getting him on board at USDA. He was the nicest, most respectful young man whenever we would email or talk on the phone. I was so very sorry to learn of his passing, such a great loss not only to you - his family and friends, but to his USDA family as well. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time. May your memories and Faith give you peace and comfort during the tough days ahead. Matt will definitely be missed.

*Sheri Nible, Independence, Missouri*

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**Sheri Nible** - October 05, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew L. Van Der Molen.



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October 05, 2021 at 12:37 PM

JF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. JoAnn & Doug Ferrel.

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**JoAnn & Doug Ferrel** - October 05, 2021 at 10:28 AM

FE

“ *Friends and Colleagues at EPAD/USDA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew L. Van Der Molen.*



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**Friends and Colleagues at EPAD/USDA** - October 05, 2021 at 07:40 AM

MG

“ *Maureen, I'am so sorry to hear of your son's passing. It is so sad to loose someone so young. May God give you strength at this difficult time. Love and miss you Marilyn*

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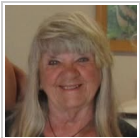
**Marilyn Gilligan** - October 04, 2021 at 09:46 PM

CJ

“ *Maureen, I am so sorry to hear of your son's passing. Losing a child is a very painful experience. Keep those memories close and he will always be there. Trust he is in a better place.*

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**Cathy Jeffers** - October 04, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ *Sympathy to the family for their loss of Matthew!! So sad to loose someone so young! May he rest in peace!*

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**Sandy Welte** - October 03, 2021 at 05:08 PM

MB

“ *Maureen, Nels and family. I so sad to hear of your loss. My heart is broken for you. May God give you strength at this difficult time and the days ahead. You must be very proud of all Matt accomplished, prayers and hugs for you.*

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**Marilyn Martin, Sean and Tiffany Burke** - October 02, 2021 at 09:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Matthew L. Van Der Molen.



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October 02, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *Dave and Patti Farber purchased the Small Garden Dish* for the family of Matthew L. Van Der Molen.



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**Dave and Patti Farber** - October 02, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Clary Memorial Funeral Home** - October 01, 2021 at 04:38 PM

KD

“ *Kristi Durst lit a candle in memory of Matthew L. Van Der Molen*



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**Kristi Durst** - October 01, 2021 at 03:55 PM

DB

*Matt was a wonderful person, I enjoyed hearing about his weekend adventures on Mondays while we worked at Bureau of Indian Affairs. The world lost a nice, kind, hard working person, rest in peace Matt!*

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**David Brown** - July 23, 2022 at 11:03 AM