



## Matthew John Degman

April 11, 1959 - January 1, 2021

Matthew John Degman, age 61, of Hobart, passed away unexpectedly, in his sleep, on January 1, 2021. When not working, he loved to fish, hunt and was a die hard Green Bay Packers fan. He came into this world the same way he departed. Matt lived in Hobart, but his heart was always home on the South Side of Chicago. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Matt was extremely proud of his children and he loved his grandson to the moon and back. He worked hard his whole life and was getting ready to retire. Matt collected many things in his life but none were more valuable than his family. He will be deeply missed.

Matt is survived by his wife of 39 years-Janice L. Degman (nee Schuster); children-Andrew H. Degman of Chicago; Amanda A. (Chris) Bertrand of Lexington, KY., Alexander R. Degman of Valparaiso; grandchild-Lucas Bertrand; "Brother from Another Mother"-Richard Goldsworthy, Sr., of Hammond.

Matt passed away on January 1, 2021 and due to covid restrictions we were unable to provide a memorial for friends and family to say goodbye. Now that the covid restrictions have eased, we are able to offer to anyone wanting to participate in his final farewell. If you knew Matt then you knew that he did not want a memorial but wanted to have a party, so in his memory, the wearing of the Packers color is optional, but not required.

Please join us from 3-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at the Hobart Township Community Center, located at 3107 East 35th Avenue, Hobart IN

46342. We will have some of Matt's favorite music, foods and drinks to toast, along with a timeline of pictures and mementos taken during his life, so please honor us with your stories and remembrances.

Since Matt's grandson will be joining us (he is too young for the vaccine), I do ask that you mask up in not vaccinated.

There is no RSVP but a heads up would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at (219) 895-0809 for questions or directions. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely - The Degman family (Janice, Andrew, Amanda and Alexander). [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 8. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hobart Township Community Center  
3107 East 35th Avenue  
Hobart, IN 46342

# Tribute Wall



“ My first meeting via text from Matt was on 9/4/2014. I posted in the Van O’ group if anyone Spiced Rum from FL.. Matt came over to pick it up & we sat at my kitchen table for several hours. I seem to remember him saying that he’d need more but didn’t drink. He came after work so I asked him about him being late for dinner. Matt said, “he doesn’t know why his wife Janice has put up with him all of these years. That his dinner would be in the oven & his wife always accepted him as he is. She was a saint.” He spoke about his awesome Grandson & how much he loved, “that kid!” Was the greatest thing that ever happened in his life next to Janice. We shared pictures, stories, laughter, & tears. We spoke of football. I called him a “Cheesehead,” & told him true Chicagoans were Bears fans! He made fun of me for following the N.E. Patriots. He told me that he was from 89th & Baltimore & was proud of it. I honestly thought he still lived on the Southside. I told him of my son & his eyes teared up with mine as he said, “he couldn’t imagine losing one of his children, Janice, the kids & the baby were his life.” He loved his family & friends with everything in him ❤️. We only met about 4 times after that but we formed a bond that day that neither of us ever forgot. He checked in on me after that day. Matt texted me his phone # a few times saying, “never hesitate to call I’m a great listener.” I’m crying now as I recall him checking on me on the angelversary of my sons death. I couldn’t believe he remembered when no one else did. Matt truly had a “Heart of Gold.” I’ll never forget his unbelievable kindness & caring. Our last text was a Merry Christmas on 12/24/2020. Heaven gained another Angel. Fly high Matt 🕊️. You gave so much, took so little & loved with all of your heart ❤️



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Gail Anoe - January 09, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ *John Coulston lit a candle in memory of Matthew John Degman*



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**John Coulston** - January 08, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ *I'm so so so sorry to hear about the loss loss of your husband and father. I've had the privilege to work with Matt over the past 12 years. And whether he ticked me off or made me laugh he could always put a smile on my face. He always seemed tough on the surface but we one thing we had in common was how much family meant to us. He loved his family more than anything. Matt you will be missed. Packers fan or not. Ill Miss you. Love and prayers to your family in these very hard times. ❤️🙏*

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**John Coulston** - January 08, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Many good memories have occurred during my friendship with Matt. He was a true friend. A person that you knew would have your back through thick and thin. It was a pleasure knowing you Matt. Until we meet again my friend, may you rest in peace.*

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**Arthur Scism** - January 08, 2021 at 04:42 AM

GW

“ Greg Wilck lit a candle in memory of Matthew John Degman



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**Greg Wilck** - January 07, 2021 at 10:38 PM

NB

“ I’ve always called you Matty and will always remember you that way. So glad we reconnected a few years ago. You remind me of grandpa but I really think you look like grandma. Good bye cuz. Say “hi” to all our family. Love ya, Nancy



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**Nancy Beaudoin** - January 07, 2021 at 09:55 PM

SW

“ Back in the day, the good times (Boy Scouts, concerts, parties, and so much more) were fast and furious. Many were even legal.

*I’m so glad we were able to keep up with more concerts, Van O parties, texting and facebook, in the recent past.*

*Never forget you bro.*



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**Steve Wilburn** - January 07, 2021 at 07:01 PM

JH

*Matt was a guy with a heart of gold in the last couple of years we went to a few concerts and Matt was at our house for a couple of parties. You will be missed by all of our Vano people.*

**Jay Hult** - January 07, 2021 at 09:15 PM

MD

*“ I met Amanda’s Mom and Dad a few times when they visited her and Chris in Kentucky. They both were so nice, and I was very sorry to learn of his sudden passing. Life is not fair that way. May you all treasure the memories you have of him...my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Mindy Davis** - January 07, 2021 at 05:11 PM

JA

*“ Yellow roses are for Friendship, we are Blessed to have the Best group of Friends. Matt had a heart of Gold, would help anyone in need. Prayers for Janice and Matt's family. Until we meet again, Kiddo. xoxo*



**Jan Adams** - January 07, 2021 at 02:52 PM

KL

*“ Bye Matt, catch you on the other side. We certainly had some "hell of a good times" together my brother! Peace be with you and my deep and heartfelt condolences to your entire family. Sending love. Miss you already! Love ya brother!*



**Kevin LeBonte** - January 07, 2021 at 02:48 PM

KZ

“ *Ken Zdzinicki lit a candle in memory of Matthew John Degman*



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**Ken Zdzinicki** - January 07, 2021 at 02:21 PM

GG

“ *George Goldsworthy lit a candle in memory of Matthew John Degman*



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**George Goldsworthy** - January 07, 2021 at 11:17 AM