



## Matthew VanArkel

December 19, 1980 - February 17, 2025

Matthew Alan VanArkel, 44, died on Monday, February 17, 2025, at his home in La Porte City.

He was born on December 19, 1980, in Waverly, IA, the son of Alan VanArkel and Joan Truex. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1999. He worked as a painter for Kay-Park.

Matthew is survived by his mother, Joan of Cedar Falls; father, Alan (Kathy) of Plainfield; son, Gunner Van Arkel of Greeley, CO; sister, Amy VanArkel of Cedar Falls, and brother, Ryan VanArkel of Cedar Falls.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, and a brother, Christopher VanArkel.

No services are planned at this time.

Memorials may be directed to his family to create an educational fund for Matthew's son, Gunner.

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I’m going to miss you brother. Matt helped me through some tough times growing up. I will always remember the fun times and craziness we got ourselves into. He was such a kind soul and cared so much for others.

Matt Booth - February 23, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ I can't remember a time I didn't have a smile on my face around Matty. ❤️ Forever in our hearts and memories.



February 21, 2025 at 10:11 PM

TB

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I met Matt in La Porte City. I believe he enjoyed listening to the stories that he heard at the local bar. He had a quick smile! He will be missed. Hugs and prayers.

Teri Berry - February 21, 2025 at 10:12 AM

JT

“ Joan Truex lit a candle in memory of Matthew VanArkel



Joan Truex - February 20, 2025 at 10:55 PM

CD

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF SUCH A LOSS IN YOUR FAMILY..I KNEW MATT AFTER HE MOVED TO LA PORTE CITY..VERY NICE GUY....WE USED TO VISIT OVER A BEER OR TWO AT THE LOCAL BAR..WISHED WE HAD MORE TIME TO CHAT..R.I.P. MATT  
CHAD VAN DYKE

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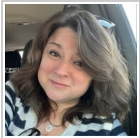
**CHAD VAN DYKE** - February 20, 2025 at 08:14 PM

AB

“ So many memories with Matty and listening to him talk about Gunner. He was such a proud dad. He loved that boy with everything he had. My heart breaks that you are gone. You have touched SO many lives and you didn't even know it. Rest easy my friend. Your legacy will forever live. 💔

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**Amra Begic** - February 20, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ Matt could always make me laugh and his laugh was so great! I'll miss you Matt and I'll never forget you

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**Tammy DeHeck Quegg** - February 20, 2025 at 11:15 AM



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**Joan Truex** - February 19, 2025 at 08:55 PM



“ *I remember going out to Plainfield campground and talking about life and fishing. Gma and Gpa VanArkel came out to bring us kabobs. I remember Matt saying how he felt at peace with the world when he was in nature. Rest easy matt love you forever and always. Isaac*

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**Isaac VanArkel** - February 19, 2025 at 02:27 PM