



## Matt Ver Haagh

October 30, 1979 - July 21, 2019

Matthew “Matt” “Slim” J. Ver Haagh, 39, Allouez, passed away unexpectedly on, Sunday, July 21, 2019. Matt was born on October 30, 1979, in Green Bay, the son of Joseph J. and Gail (Leiterman) Ver Haagh. He was a graduate of East De Pere High School with the class of 1998 and completed the DOC Correctional Officer Program in Oshkosh. Slim started his career at Taycheedah Correctional Institution working there for over 3 years before transferring up to the Green Bay Correctional Institute where he has been employed for over a decade. On March 12, 2010, he married the former Holly Lange. Matt was an avid outdoorsman and greatly enjoyed hunting, fishing or just being outside. He was very talented in the kitchen and was an excellent cook. His biggest passion however was gaming and was very skilled at computers. Matt’s greatest joy in life was his love of family and the importance of moments spent making memories. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother, papa, uncle, cousin and a friend to so many and will be lovingly remembered and sorrowfully missed. Matt loved his dogs!

Matt is survived by his wife Holly, two children Destiny and Brittany, 1 granddaughter Sofia, his Dad and Mom Joe and Gail Ver Haagh, 1 sister and brother-in-law Jodi (David) Watters and their children Nathan and Sam, 1 brother and sister-in-law Andrew (Rachael) Ver Haagh and their children Carsten and Drew; his paternal grandmother Lucille Ver Haagh, 1 sister-in-law Joy (Mark) Micolichak, 1 brother-in-law Jeff (Mari) Lange. He is further survived by aunts, uncles, many cousins other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Orval and Dorothy Leiterman, his paternal grandfather Joseph H. Ver Haag, 1 cousin Ashley. Gathering of family and friends will be held from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Monday, July 29, 2019 at Resurrection Catholic Church, 333 Hilltop Drive , Allouez. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 4:00 P.M. with Rev. Tom Reynebeau officiating. Entombment at Allouez Chapel Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers or other expressions of sympathy a Memorial Fund is being established in his name.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church  
333 Hilltop Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54301

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 29. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church  
333 Hilltop Drive  
Green Bay, WI 54301

# Tribute Wall

LI

“ *Happy Birthday Matt!*

Lisa - October 30, 2019 at 07:30 AM

TY

“ *You will be missed....you added laughter to our work environment.  
sincerely  
Dietrich.T*

toukao yang - July 29, 2019 at 02:00 PM

TY

“ *Matt,  
you will be missed dearly. wish we had a  
chance to cook for one another. 'Til Valhalla  
my brother*

*sincerely,  
yang, t*



toukao yang - July 29, 2019 at 01:56 PM

MD

“ *Though i didn't know you i truly hope the best for your family in this  
hard time it's always extremely sad to lose a brother in blue but we  
all hope your at peace it takes special people to work in the prisons  
all i can say is thank you for your service and the hard work you put  
in you clearly will be missed and are very loved*

Mike Duhr - July 29, 2019 at 12:34 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Matt Ver Haag.



July 28, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ Look to the ppl who are causing drama on here and taking bad about myself and kids this is not the time or place this is about matt celebrating his life if you want to act this way then DO NOT COME!!! i dont care what u have been told i no how my 20yr. Relationship was and what i did for this man an what he did for me now stopp all this and lets celebrate matts Life luke he wanted

Holly ver haag (your wife) - July 28, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ Matt I've known you along time I remember working with you at the Car dealership you always had that great sense of humor. We worked for the DOC together for years after and you always had a smile on your face. You were a great friend to me and I'll the cherish the memories we had. Rest easy my friend. So long until we meet again.

Mike Ritchie - July 27, 2019 at 06:11 PM



He did love you ❤️

Destiny - July 27, 2019 at 07:14 PM

MM

“ RIP Slim, you will be missed.



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**Mark Mumma** - July 27, 2019 at 05:45 PM

DJ

“ You deserved better. Sorry you felt you had no other option. Sleep strong, Slim.

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**DJ** - July 27, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Matt tho we didnt communicate much I remember the talks in the cell halls... you def helped me take the steps toward the direction I led in the job... it was hard to hear this, and still hard to imagine it... i hope you can now rest easy bud...

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**Matt Schroeder** - July 27, 2019 at 03:18 PM

TW

“ RIP Slim.



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**Todd Wucherer** - July 27, 2019 at 02:28 PM

CF

“ Matt, even though I never got to meet you I want to thank you for making Jenni as happy as you did, she did nothing but speak wonders about you., and from what others who loved and knew you say they never saw you happier than you were during your time with Jenni you were the one true love of her life as she was to you, but unfortunately you were battling some things that you couldn't take anymore.RIP Matt and I hope you take comfort in knowing that you two will be together again one day and get the happily ever after you two should have had

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**caring friend** - July 27, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ Matt you were such a great friend and neighbor. We have had some great talks and I loved how you were able to joke around. You were quiet but there were times that you could make your hilarious jokes. I understand the hurt were feeling and I wish that you would've came over and talked once more. Fly high my fun neighbor!



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**Brandi Konop** - July 26, 2019 at 12:41 PM

SP

“ Matt, I'm so sorry it ended this way. I'm so glad I got to meet you and witness the love between you and Jennifer . It's so heartbreaking that even though you had plans for the future with her and the kids, that there was still an agonizing pain lingering, and we know you tried so hard to move past it, but sometimes the devils grip is relentless. I'm grateful for the time you got to be truly happy and hopeful, I'm thankful to you for providing the love and attention you did to Jennifer. You will be missed by your family, friends, and Co workers and we will all be here to support Jennifer and your parents through this like you would have wanted. Rest easy bud.



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**Sarah p** - July 26, 2019 at 11:50 AM

HW

“ Matt we were together almost 20yrs and married 9 we been through alot of ups an downs in that 20yrs you were a father you didnt need to be and i thank you for that ours girls love and miss you. And no matter what happened between us it doea not mean i dont care and your granddaughter miss you like crazy she has been asking about you matt. Things were not suppose to go this way i whis when we were talking you would have said something fly high matt you will be missed by many

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**Holly ver haagh (your wife)** - July 26, 2019 at 08:07 AM

JL

*Funny. He was due to NOT be your husband the day after his death. You pushed him beyond his limits. You are disgusting*

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**Jo Luanne** - July 26, 2019 at 01:57 PM

DE

*This is not the time or place for you to come on here and start drama.*

**Destiny** - July 26, 2019 at 03:06 PM

DE

*And btw, that wasn't the date any longer there was no scheduled date. And just because you are getting a divorce doesn't mean you don't still love and care for them, especially after 20 years!*

**Destiny** - July 26, 2019 at 03:08 PM

SU

*Yes, so Sad he took his life this way. May God grant him forgiveness an peace.*

**Susan** - July 26, 2019 at 08:09 PM

JL

*Destiny, Holly is a vile woman who was only out for money. She pushed him to his limits. He didn't love her anymore. He loved someone else and that killed Holly. Matt would still be here if it wasn't for her. Period. Anyone who knows anything about this situation KNOWS that.*

**Jo Luanne** - July 27, 2019 at 04:02 PM

JL

*The day after he took his life, she immediately went to the courthouse to have their divorce case dismissed. She contacted his employer asking about his work benefits. She took EVERYTHING of value from the house he shared with someone else and then proceeded to move into that house with her new beau and his kid. Disgusting.*

**Jo Luanne** - July 27, 2019 at 04:03 PM

HW

*Before u talk maybe u should no ur facts i did no such thing it was dismissed i spent 20 yrs with this man i fought for r family a long time i loved him i cared for him very much fought him for a loaded gun just last yr he is the one who wanted to go for a walk and talk im not the blame jennifer broke up with him the night it happened i told him to go back so before u judge me please no all ur facts thanks*

**Holly ver haagh (your wife)** - July 27, 2019 at 04:36 PM

HW

*And kept saying til death do us part*

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**Holly ver haagh (your wife)** - July 27, 2019 at 04:37 PM

DE

*Really because I'm his daughter? She's not getting anything so you should know facts. If she was after that she would have stayed married. DIVORCES. Are dismissed on their own because my dad wouldn't have been there to sign off. She did not go to the prison for any of that the only person they would release his locker belongings to was her. My grandparents have everything. Not my mom. No ones moving into that house so you should really really check where you are getting your information, that home, that I lived in since second grade will be being sold. So literally shut up and run back to someone else with your drama.*

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**Destiny** - July 27, 2019 at 07:04 PM

DE

*And of value of the house? She's still paying on everything she took, and everything else family took. So there's that also*

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**Destiny** - July 27, 2019 at 07:29 PM

JL

*Fact of the matter is, she is NOT his wife. Period. Why did she need to get his phone? Oh yeah, because of all the incriminating messages of harassment. The reason his parents have everything is because he took Holly's name off of everything he could. Thank god for that. No matter what, Holly is the only person to blame for his death. Maybe had her pig of a daughter not sexually assaulted KIDS, or maybe had Holly not pushed him to his limits, he would still be here. Holly, you may have still been his "wife" on paper but, you treated him so disrespectfully and continue to do so. Shameful.*

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**Jo Luanne** - July 27, 2019 at 11:35 PM

DE

*Your wrong, she doesn't have his phone 😞 no one has gotten that phone and my mom was never on anything to begin with because he didn't want my mom to worry about that kinda stuff. And to be honest he's probably angry with all of you referring to us as her kids. He still to his last day referred to us as his kids and honestly if this is how you all feel and act then do not show to his memorial because there will be no disrespect or drama or people will be taken out of the service. This is disgusting and out right wrong and you all should be ashamed of your selves. Or maybe if Jennifer didn't throw her fit and leave he wouldn't have done it. So therefore shut your trap because you clearly know nothing but what Jennifer fills your head with and not any factual information. No one is to blame. Not one person. I wrestled him for loaded guns. My mom wrestled him for loaded guns. This was all years before anything ever happened so seriously take your drama else where. This is now harassment and slander please do continue and charges will be pressed.*

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**Destiny** - July 28, 2019 at 01:10 AM

DE

*Also FYI if she wanted to go after any of it legally she could, but she's not because she don't care about any of the money. She wants My dad laid to rest peacefully. But it's funny how you all can't do that? You all have to bash his daughter. He raised her since six months old. And you bash everything else. I can promise you he's looking down shaking his head at all the drama you have all caused. And literally it's all you guys that are associated with Jennifer doing so. None of our friends or family has bashed anything of what Jennifer did and trust me there's plenty we could say. But instead we take all this with a grain of salt. Were you guys calling her son names for what he apparently did? Seriously come on. Like I said though, you guys come and cause drama or speak one disrespectful word about anyone, weather it be our friends and family about Jennifer or her friends and family about us, people will be taken out. This isn't about my dad and Jennifer, this isn't about my mom and dad. This is about my father. Celebrating his life. Celebrating the lives he's touched. Celebrating him. If you can't respect that then move along, quit wasting peoples time trying to bash my mother because all you guys do is look stupid. Accuse her of stuff, and get proven wrong so you accuse her of other things and get proven wrong. Seriously stop. Everyone has there ways of grieving and that's fine, what's not fine is how your going about it. Now like I said keep going and charges will be pressed and I'll make sure if you are seen your taken out. Have a good night*

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**Destiny** - July 28, 2019 at 01:21 AM

MB

“ *Matt will be missed. His kindness and humor kept many able to get through tough days at work. So very sorry for your loss. Marty Breen*



Martha Breen - July 24, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matt Ver Haagh.*



July 24, 2019 at 01:56 PM

 Becca Fischer Lenz

“ *Matt will be greatly missed. Always a joker and could make anyone laugh, so heartbreaking to believe he was hurting inside. Prayers go out to his family and friends. I hope you all find peace. God bless!*



Becca Fischer Lenz - July 23, 2019 at 01:09 PM

 Beverly Schroeder

“ *Matt was a good man. The world is less without him.*



Beverly Schroeder - July 23, 2019 at 12:29 PM

DR

“ *Matt was my nephew and a wonderful person. He will be terribly missed by all. I love you.* ”



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**DONNA ROBERTS** - July 23, 2019 at 02:10 AM

RV

“ *R.I.P Matt you always knew how to put a smile on my face when I used to work with you. You will be missed by many I will be praying a for you and your family, be safe and fly high* ”



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**Rebecca VanBeek** - July 23, 2019 at 12:50 AM



“ *The world is less without you , God Speed.* ”



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**Don Charles** - July 23, 2019 at 12:25 AM



“ *R.I.P To my fellow brother in Blue. You will be greatly missed.* ”



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**Michael Jean** - July 23, 2019 at 12:20 AM



“ I knew him for too short a time. He was funny and caring and respected by all. Requiescat in pace Sir. To all who love him my sincere condolences.



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**Troy Heuvelmans** - July 22, 2019 at 11:07 PM



“ R.I.P Slim, you will be missed!



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**shane** - July 22, 2019 at 10:21 PM



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**Sonya Wells** - July 22, 2019 at 10:13 PM



“ *My love.. my rock.. the most gentle soul... I've known u for 12 years and yet only had u for such a short while as mine, I knew who u were, and the last 2 months when we finally gave into being an us, well they were 2 of my most favorite months I've had on this earth, and I cherish the memories , the laughs, your smile, and your hands... I miss u... my friend.. my lover..*

*I know u were hurting, and u deserved so much more in life, rest in peace my love, untill I see u again, and am back in your arms... U will forever be remembered in my heart, I will always love u...*



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**Jennifer Caldwell** - July 22, 2019 at 09:53 PM

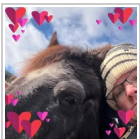


“ *Isaac Braden lit a candle in memory of Matt Ver Haag*



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**Isaac Braden** - July 22, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ *Heather Nielsen lit a candle in memory of Matt Ver Haag*



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**Heather Nielsen** - July 22, 2019 at 09:12 PM

DS

“ He was an amazingly funny guy who made work fun. You will be missed my brother....fly high now and Rest In Peace.



De Anna Stacy - July 22, 2019 at 09:05 PM

CR

“ Clarissa Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Matt Ver Haagh



clarissa ramirez - July 22, 2019 at 08:47 PM

CR

Matt,  
Was a very good hearted man who will be missed by many💙Rest in peace my brother.

clarissa ramirez - July 22, 2019 at 08:49 PM

MW

Matt I only seen you a couple of times and enjoyed the 4th of July cook out you will be in my mind for along time. Rest in peace my friend and brother of corrections Marianne Wycoff

Marianne Wycoff - July 25, 2019 at 11:44 AM

ML

Matt, R.I.P. brother, although I transferred back in 2011. I still remember the fun days at work making laugh. You were quiet most times but when you weren't it was amazing and made the days go by even quicker. You'll be missed as a brother in blue! Thoughts and prayers to family, friends and GBCI/DOC family!

Mike Lehman - July 27, 2019 at 03:04 PM

BL

*I never met Matt, but I retired from Corrections a couple years ago and worked for a time at Green Bay Correctional. Anyone who can last 10 years or more at GBCI is one of my brothers. From all I've read, Matt was a great officer. His family will be in my prayers.*

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**Brad Larson** - July 30, 2019 at 11:45 PM