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David Michael Dokter (May 19, 1983, to Sept 18, 2021) celebrated life by connecting with animals, nature, photography and friends all the way through his treatment of esophageal cancer at the end. He found a friend in Joan, with whom he took many adventures to zoos and wildlife parks, expressing his love of animals through his beautiful photography. He had a great eye for composition and detail.

A few weeks before his passing he created a video including his photography set to inspiring music, encouraging his fellow travelers on the challenging journey through cancer.

David was a loving younger brother, a patient and kind person, to his sister Tammy Lynn through her challenges with kidney dialysis and other life challenges. She eventually decided to let go of life on this Earthly plane on July 29, 2015.

David enjoyed time with his extended family on camping trips in various states of the U.S., playing cards, hiking, and cooking over the open fire. He enjoyed visiting lighthouses with his mom and playing "Ticket to Ride" with his dad and on the internet.

While David had many life challenges, he always had friends that he made along the way, as he listened to, supported and cared for others. He focused on the positive and learned that we all are doing the best we can, practicing forgiveness all along the way.

He worked for many years as a caregiver, mostly for the Anderson family, and then as a parts producer in the aerospace industry until cancer made working impossible.

David M. is survived by his parents David W. and Linda Dokter, his grandmother Alice Dokter, half-brother Michael Dokter and half-sister Kimber Dokter, as well as aunts and uncles and cousins.



