



## John W. Erickson

August 9, 1961 - October 1, 2017

John W. (Winford) Erickson passed away at the Margaret Dozier Hospice House in Tallahassee on October 1, 2017, after a 6 year battle with cancer.

John was born August 9, 1961 in Michigan City, IN to John Gustav and Violet Lafelle (Moore) Erickson. He had worked in aviation for many years and recently, environmental protection for the state of Florida. He enjoyed a deep curiosity for all aspects of the natural world, especially everything that flew. He became a serious bird watcher with an impressive list of 1,523 species and traveled the deserts, mountains and jungles of Costa Rica, Colombia, Peru and Ecuador. He would eventually become a resident of his beloved Ecuador.

He is survived by sisters, Judy Parker (Boca Raton, FL), Sally Albano (Deerfield Beach, FL), Jan Heavner (Lighthouse Point, FL); brother James Erickson (Fort McCoy, FL); eight nieces and nephews; and a grand niece and grand nephew. As a memoriam, he asked, please plant a tree and contribute to Big Bend Hospice.

# Comments

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“ I met John when I was in a dark time in my life, at the ripe old age of 19 and 20. We played Euchre until ALL hours of the night on the weekends, with many friends. Joyce, Julie and more. He was a friend true to the end. I loved meeting back up with him a few years ago, via social media. He made my life a better place to live, and gave to me his friendship unconditionally. Soar with the rarest of the birds, and the ones you did not see here on this journey will be waiting for you on your next journey. Thank you for being a friend.  
GOD TAKES THE BEST ONES

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