



Obituary for JOHNSON

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JOHN ERIC longtime resident of Albuquerque, died Wednesday, June 27th at his home after a relatively short battle with melanoma. Eric, as he was known to all who loved him, was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa September 22, 1960 and lived in Iowa, Texas, Wyoming and Brisbane, Queensland, Australia before moving with his family at age 11 to Albuquerque. He attended Annunciation Elementary School, then Eldorado High School, graduating in 1979 where he was a varsity wrestler, track and football player. He was awarded a wrestling scholarship to University of New Mexico where he graduated with a BA in Film/Communications. Eric worked at KOB/NBC as a videographer/photo-journalist for many years. He has worked as a Media Specialist at Central New Mexico Community College (formerly TVI) since 2000. Eric's loves were his daughter, Hannah and music. He was a prolific songwriter and played in many local bands, including Big Sad Guy. Just prior to his diagnosis, the band recorded a double-album, *Waiting for the Undular Bores*, produced by the Handsome Family. Other bands he played with include Rivet Gang, Evil Roy Slade, the Cufflinks, Mumble, the Gutterleaves, Macho Hall of Fame and on occasion with the Handsome Family. Eric is survived by Hannah, a junior at Sandia Prep; his parents, Robert and Phyllis Johnson of Albuquerque; sisters Cynthia (Oakland, California) and Suzie (Los Angeles, California); brother, Terry (Olympia, Washington); plus many, many friends, uncles, aunts and cousins who will miss him dearly. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, July 6th at 10:00am at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 12500 Carmel Avenue NE, Alb., NM 87122. A celebration for friends and family will be held on Saturday, July 14th at the Albuquerque Press Club, 201 Highland Park Circle SE, Alb., NM 87102 starting at 4:00pm. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: Casa Esperanza Albuquerque, 1005 Yale Blvd NE, Alb., NM 87106, 505-277-9880. www.casaesperanzanm.org or Animal Humane New Mexico, 615 Virginia St SE, Alb., NM 87108, 505-255-5523, www.animalhumanenm.org