

A native of Rural Dawson , NE

Dennis Eugene Kean born July 4,1963, passed away on September 18, 2019. Dennis grew up on a farm outside of Dawson Nebraska where his family grew grain crops, raised cattle and sheep and Dennis raised his pet pigs along with an assortment of other pets. Dennis is survived by his husband and partner of over 30 years, Joe Zupko, his father, Eugene (Joseph), sister, Mary Ellen, brother Kevin, sister, Ann (Mike) Robinson, six nephews and nieces, 6 great nephews and nieces, aunts and cousins originating from Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas. Dennis proceeded in death by his mother, Evelyn Patricia Stegemann Kean, born in Ottumwa IA along with many of his aunts and uncles, several cousins.

Dennis attended Dawson-Verdon School (K-10) and Falls City Sacred Heart (11-12), graduated from the Univ. of Nebraska in Lincoln and also attended the University of Sweden in Lund.

Dennis worked as a flight attendant for 15 years traveling to over 40 countries, on and off duty, exploring the world, which he loved to do.

After he left the airline, Dennis and Joe moved to a small village just down the coast from Barcelona, Spain and opened a shop there. In 2010 they moved back to West Hollywood CA where he entered the residential real estate business.

In the last few years Dennis went to Greece and France to volunteer in Syrian refugee camps several times. It is something that he became very passionate about.

Dennis will be forever grateful to his family and friends that have been there taking care of him since he was diagnosed with colon cancer in Jan 2018. Also, to all the people that sent cards, called and that prayed for him through this journey.

He would like to offer the parting advice of encouraging family and friends to get screened for colon cancer, and anytime you see a kid with a lemonade stand, take the time to stop and buy a glass whether you need it or not!

Dennis' body is being donated to science and memorial service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St Mary of Dawson Nebraska Cemetery Fund or the Animal Wellness Foundation ([animalwellnessfoundation.com](http://animalwellnessfoundation.com)) in Los Angeles.