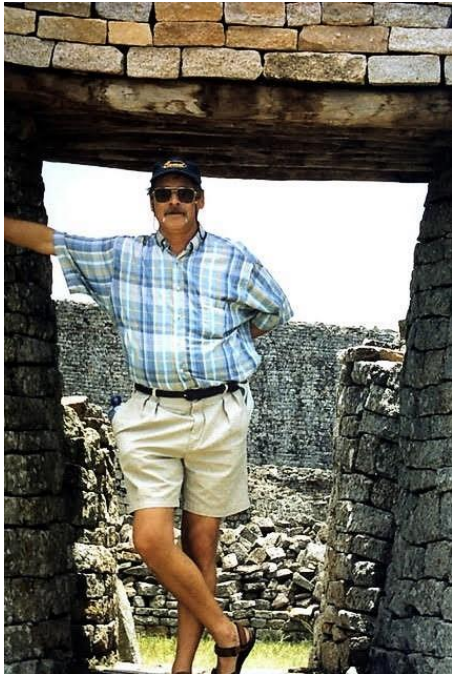


Eric Robert Loken



On Wednesday, January 11, 2023, Eric Robert Loken, loving husband and father, passed away at his home in New Bern, North Carolina, at the age of seventy-one. A passionate environmentalist, Eric earned a degree in environmental engineering from Johns Hopkins University and spent 30 years in the USAID Foreign Service serving at posts in Sri Lanka, Morocco, Kenya, and Zimbabwe. Eric was known for his dedication to development and to the people, animals, and habitats that he tried to help.

While overseas, Eric spent his off-time golfing with friends or on safari with his family. When his wife or daughter would spot a “deer-like creature”, he could always identify the antelope and took some gorgeous animal photos (though by the time he focused his camera, he was taking a photo of the animal’s behind). In his retirement, you could find Eric restoring his 1952 Willys Jeep that he bought for \$1 in graduate school or bird-watching from his home on the Neuse River with a crossword puzzle book at the ready. He started every day giving his beloved dogs, Thor and

Sadie, extra-long rub downs in his favorite chair before settling in to read the Times.

Eric was known for his intelligence, determination, wit, and passion. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Kathy, and his daughter, Casey, who followed in his footsteps in international development. The family is honoring his memory in private; in lieu of giving flowers, the family asks that those who are able instead make a donation to the American Cancer Society.

May love and happiness be in your life always,

Kristin Loken

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