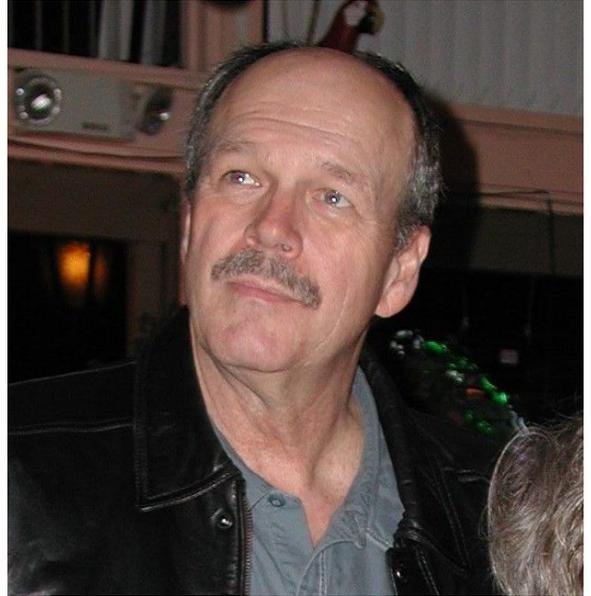


In Memoriam
Elmer Dudik Jr.

It is with great sadness that we announce that our colleague and dear friend Elmer Dudik passed away this weekend at age 60. He had an allergic reaction to a bee sting while camping with his wife.

Elmer, dedicated father, grandfather, and son, beloved husband and soul mate of Robin Beeman, was a big man. He was our gentle giant. An expert in flora and fauna, he captured the beauty of the natural world through his love and mastery of the art and technique of photography.



Elmer attended Petaluma High School, and served in the U.S. Coast Guard. In the years following he was a self-employed commercial fisherman, operating out of Bodega Bay, and a welder and machinist in Santa Rosa. He attended Santa Rosa Junior College and graduated from Sonoma State University with a degree in Biology, and later enrolled at SSU as a graduate student. He began working as a Student Intern at the North Coast Regional Water Board in 1992.

Elmer had a varied career as an Environmental Scientist at the North Coast Regional Water Board. He worked in the region's Timber Harvest, Site Cleanup and Planning programs. He was most recently engaged in the issues associated with the water quality impairments in the Klamath River system. His work as part of the team writing the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Klamath River as well as his field work at Copco and Iron Gate Reservoirs is a legacy and an inspiration for those who care passionately about our natural resources and water quality. Elmer was looking forward to spending a week in Siskiyou County. There, as before, he would apply his gentle demeanor to the thorny issue of algal blooms and health warnings.

We will miss our renegade Petaluma kid, our nice guy, our passionate expert.