



Rodney Bruce Howard

September 4, 1950 - June 18, 2026

Rodney Bruce Howard, age 75, passed away June 18, 2026, in Fairfield. He was born September 4, 1950, in Fairfield to Margie and Eugene Howard. Bruce graduated from U.T.A. with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and later got his teachers certification in special education. He worked at several successful careers but loved teaching and coaching ROTC. He shared his skills in photography, fishing, hunting, and woodworking with his children, grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He cherished his time spent with family, his best friend of 50 years, Fred and extended family.

Burce is survived by his wife, Debra; children, Maria Smith, Shane Howard and Ethan Howard; grandchildren, Tyler, Justin, Emily, Corissa, Corben, Skylar and Felicity; great grandchildren, Caydence, Jala, Justin and Braylee; mother, Margie Hugdahl; sister, Becky Dow; stepsister, Willa Mills and best friend Fred. He is preceded in death by his father, Eugene Howard; brother, Randall Howard and stepdad, Harold Hugdahl.

Bruce touched many lives with his stories, wisdom, humor and spirit. He will be greatly missed and forever remembered.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.