

Lee Earl Howard

June 5, 1940 ~ April 6, 2025

Lee Earl Howard passed peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving wife, Carol, and his family on April 6th, 2025. Born June 5th, 1940, in Hailey, Idaho, Lee was an avid outdoorsman. From the time he was old enough to carry a gun, he could be found roaming the hills, valleys, and forests around Carey, Idaho, hunting, fishing, and providing food for his family and the community. After moving to Boise, Idaho, he graduated from Bora High School and then attended Brigham Young University, where he met the love of his life, Carol Gwen Wimmer. They were sealed in the Logan Temple on September 6, 1962. Upon graduating from the “Y” with a degree in Geography, he and Carol built a home and moved to Salt Lake City.

Over the next sixty years, they raised four children in that home and served faithfully in their church and local community. As one who always gave back, Lee served as a reserve officer for the Salt Lake City Police Department and as a mentor to young men in the Boy Scouts of America. Lee loved to design, build, and create. With his natural ability to connect with people, he excelled as a private business owner and consultant across various industries, all while maintaining an enduring passion for the outdoors and wildlife.

Lee served in many wildlife organizations, co-founding the Utah Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation, where he served as president and director. He was instrumental in numerous local and multistate conservation projects. Ever the champion for wildlife and hunters, he met with many government officials and traveled internationally to increase awareness and support for wild sheep.

Lee had numerous friends from all walks of life and will always be remembered for his loyalty, honesty, and humor. He valued his friendships and worked hard to maintain them. A devoted father, he shared his knowledge, skills, and love for the outdoors with his family, taking them hunting, fishing, camping, and on countless adventures. Yet, his heart always belonged to Carol. She stood by him in all his endeavors and was always by his side. Over the years, they traveled far and wide, seeing the world and enjoying its rich cultures and peoples. Carol was the center of his life and on those occasions when he had to leave home alone for work, hunting, or on behalf of the organizations he served, he always returned home to her.

Lee is preceded in death by his parents, Leonard (Doc) and Thema Howard, and his two brothers, Lois Howard and Jim Howard. He is survived by his wife, Carol Wimmer Howard; his four children, Becky Elton (Patrick Sanchez), William Howard (Cynthia), Rachel Crandall (Steve), and Vaughn Howard (Jennifer); his sister-in-law, Christine Howard; and 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday April 12, 2025 at the Kenwood 1st Ward located at 3080 S Kenwood Street, Millcreek Utah at 10;00 am. A viewing will be held the night prior at the same location from 6:00-8:00 pm as well as from 9:00-9:45 am the day of the service.

In lieu flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice or do a kind deed for someone in need.

Those wishing to view the service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/u1yrpCOyaJoyW8dgQs9o98GsFxQ6n7PKyyh7hPP-AtpBHVls2-WgN8wZJ4bWXxLu.tB