

Robert "Reese" Howard

March 19, 1943 ~ May 2, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Robert Reese Howard on May 2, 2025. Robert "Reese" Howard was born on March 19, 1943, in Yakima, Washington, the third child of Venna and Morris Howard, and the beloved younger brother of Joyce and Lorraine. As the long-awaited baby boy, he was deeply cherished by his family. Reese spent his early years in both Utah and Washington, where he developed a love for the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, and playing sports with family and friends. He graduated from Granger High School in 1961.

After serving a mission in Peru for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Reese returned home to complete his studies at Brigham Young University, where he graduated in 1968 with a degree in Parks and Recreation. His professional career took him across the country, working in various roles, including running after-school programs, organizing events for Success Unlimited, United Sportsman, and Bear Creek Country Dips/Soups. Reese's work at these events brought him great happiness and a deep sense of fulfillment.

Reese was an avid golfer, a lover of politics, a passionate sports enthusiast, and a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Reese was also known for his love of family, especially his nieces and nephews. He was an involved and playful uncle, sharing his hobbies and creating lasting memories with the younger generations. His sense of humor and quick wit left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

In his final years, Reese faced health challenges, including a stroke that impacted his ability to speak, but his spirit remained strong. He spent his last years in assisted living homes in Salt Lake and Lehi, where he enjoyed coin collecting, following politics, and forming meaningful friendships.

Reese is survived by his sister, Lorraine Bagley, along with many nieces, nephews, and relatives who will always remember his joyful spirit, love for life, and devotion to those he held close. We take comfort in knowing that Reese is free from the pains and limitations of mortality and that he is joyfully reunited with his parents, his sister, Joyce, and countless other relatives and friends. His memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Funeral services for Reese will be held on Friday, May 9, 2025, from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City. Reese will be laid to rest at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.