



James Lawrence Howard

December 3, 1950 - December 22, 2025

Larry Howard was born James Lawrence Howard to Clifford and Lola Howard in Reedley, California on December 3, 1950. Larry entered Heaven's gates on December 22, 2025 in Fresno, California. He attended schools in Sanger as a child including Washington Junior High where he met the love of his life and his wife of 54 1/2 years, Kaye Shelton Howard. Larry graduated from Sanger High School in 1969.

Larry earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Fresno State in 1974. He worked as a Registered Civil Engineer for over 40 years and at the United States Department of Agriculture for the last 10 years of his life. He had a strong work ethic and never had a desire to retire.

Larry is preceded in death by his beloved son, Matthew Howard, and his niece, Kelly Campbell.

Larry leaves behind his wife, Kaye Howard, his daughters, Jenna Johnson (Greg Johnson), Marci Gisler (Matt Gisler) and seven grandchildren: Claire and Emma Howard, their mother Lourdes Howard, Abigail and Quentin Jack, Parker Johnson, Luke and Cayson Gisler. He also leaves behind a host of family and friends who will

forever carry his memory in their hearts.

His favorite title was “Papa,” a name given to him by his grandchildren. Everyone around him loved his warm and steady presence. He was a kind, patient man and his legacy lives on through his family who he greatly cherished.

He loved tinkering in the garage at his work bench and always found a project to keep him busy. Above all, from the time he was very young, Larry’s favorite pastime was fishing. Although his family is heartbroken by his passing, we know he has gone fishing with the Master of the sea.

A private Celebration of Life to be held at a later date