

Howard Ford

September 3, 2019



Howard was born in Mountain Home, Idaho May 30th, 1957 and joined his parents, Bud and Darlene Ford, as well as many dear friends in heaven on August 21st., 2019. He is survived by his wife Dee Kinney and two children Vanessa and Brandon Ford, three grandchildren: Landon, Kalea and Liam Williams, two brothers and their wives: Dwayne and Melissa Ford of Bend, OR and Lance and Ronda Ford of Blue Lake, CA.

At the age of two, Howard moved with his parents to Arcata California where he spent his childhood years and graduated from Arcata High School. He was an amazing athlete, a great quarterback and an outstanding left handed baseball player who routinely hit home runs.

At the age of 16 he began working for his father at “Bud’s Body Shop” where he began his lifelong love of cars and racing. Howard began secretly drag racing his GTO down Samoa Boulevard. To his surprise, one evening daddy asked “so who ended up winning that race? Looked pretty close”. Howard was an amazing body man and opened his own business in his early twenties “Howard’s Body Shop” in Arcata, then later

Crescent City after his children were born. The body shop is still open today and operates by his son Brandon whom he is so proud.

Howard drag raced for 10 years before he set his mind on circle track late model racing at which he had become a legend. He is known for breaking records and winning championships. He competed in the Winston West, the Win River 150, Infineon Raceway road course and at his hometown Redwood Acres Raceway. He won Championships of the Tri-State Challenge Series and NSCS-North State Challenge Series.

Howard was a talented, generous, kind-hearted man who was a mentor to many racers and friends. Howard loved his family and was a devoted father. With his friendly and easy going personality, he made friends with everyone and they became family as well.

“For those you have longed to see, may you be with all your angels in heaven who raced by your side.”

Viewing will be held at Wier’s Mortuary Chapel, Friday Sept 6th from 9-12pm, immediately following Graveside services will at 2 :00 pm at Greenwood Cemetery in Arcata, CA.

A Celebration of Life/Potluck, Saturday Sept 7th at 12:00 pm, 4929 Northbank Road, Crescent City, CA.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wier’s Mortuary Chapel.

Please sign the family’s online guest book at wiersmortuary.com

— Submitted by Wier’s Mortuary Chapel T256361pw08310904