



## Michael Thomas Brown

March 23, 1954 - June 7, 2025

Michael Thomas Brown, age 71, of Orland, passed away on June 7, 2025, in Willows, CA. Mike was born on March 23, 1954, in Pasadena, CA to Herbert and Patricia Brown. Mom, Dad, Mike and older brother, Steven moved to the Capay District of Glenn County in 1955. Mike attended Capay Joint Union Elementary and then Orland High School, class of 1972, where he was a star athlete in both football and track and field. Always the adventurous type, he loved the outdoors and spent some time on a commercial fishing boat in Alaska but most enjoyed his many years supervising and transporting a crew that replanted the forest after a timber harvest, logging many miles driving a crummy or walking sidehill with a hoedad, slipping seedlings into the earth. He excelled at climbing very tall conifers to harvest cones for the next crop of seedlings. He became an expert at identifying mushrooms and sold to many restaurants locally and the Mendocino Coast in the 1980's. Mike spent most of his spare time fishing on the Feather and Sacramento Rivers or panning for gold in his beloved Butte Creek Canyon. He returned to the ranch to help his Mom and brother with operations after Dad passed and became a consummate orchardist. Mike was predeceased by both Dad (1992) and Mom (2009) and is survived by brother Steven Brown (Michelle) of Capay, sister Judith Wunsch (Kevin) of Willows and sister Catherine Henley of Redding. He was a loving uncle to Carlie, Kelley, Courtney, Scott, Kristen Brian,

Tiffany and Alicia and great uncle to 15 more. Leaves behind his beloved dog, K-9.

Mike was a deep thinker with a quick wit and I will miss our long conversations about everything and nothing at all. Rest in Peace, bro.

“May truth, beauty and goodness prevail “

Contributions in Mike’s name may be made to the Capay Volunteer Fire Department, 50 4 th Ave, Orland, CA 95963