



Bruce Laverne Southward

February 24, 1938 - September 19, 2024

Bruce L Southward of St. Paul passed away on Sept. 19, 2024 peacefully surrounded by loved ones. He was born on February 24, 1938 in Minneapolis, MN to Bud and Marjorie Southward. He graduated from Osseo High School, received his bachelor's degree from Hamline University and master's degree from the University of Minnesota. He served in the U.S. Navy and was an officer candidate when medically discharged. He met Gladys Prosch and they were married June 22, 1963 in Osseo, MN. He became employed with the St. Paul Public Schools at Roosevelt Jr. High and then Humboldt Jr. High where he spent his entire teaching career that spanned 33 years. During that time, he was a middle school coach for various sports; being their wrestling coach was his passion. He also refereed swimming for the MN High School League for 50 years. After retiring from teaching, he embarked on a part time career as an EMT volunteering with the Red Cross. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, David and beloved wife, Gladys. He is survived by daughter, Lori Matson (Scott Kobasick) CO; son, Daniel Southward, MN; sisters, Jean Smith (John) and Carol Southward, MN; grandchildren, Dustin (Tawnee Henry) Southward, Morgan Matson, Paige Rudroff (Tyler), Tatyanna Southward, Taylor Southward; great grandchildren, Kingston Southward and Reese Rudroff; also nieces, nephews, friends and former students. A Remembrance service and Celebration of Life will be held at Fairmount Ave United Methodist Church, 1523 Fairmount Ave. St. Paul on Sat. Oct 19, 1pm. There will be a visitation one hour prior to service followed by a reception after

the service. Internment will be at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery on Oct. 21 at 1pm. Memorials may be given to Fairmount Ave United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church
1523 Fairmount Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Church Service

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Saint Paul, MN 55105

Graveside Service

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

 Dave Hanson

“ *Mr. Southward got so mad at me for doing pull-ups before we did pull-ups for wrestling*

Dave Hanson - November 29, 2025 at 08:44 PM

TS

“ *I'm sorry that we didn't get to talk that much after 2023, things hadn't been very well personally and some things led to others, and I lost the ability to contact you in ways I had access to. Three years later and I'm 5 months late to hearing about your passing. I love you and I miss you, Grandpa. I'll be sure to visit you soon.*

Taylor Southward - February 25, 2025 at 01:29 AM

TS

i meant 2022 I can't even get the dates right dude come on

Taylor Southward - February 25, 2025 at 01:30 AM

AG

“ *Adam G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce Laverne Southward.*

Adam G. - October 18, 2024 at 11:13 AM

DC

“ *I knew Mr. Southward in jr. high, I will always remember many things that he taught us and me in particular, he inspired me to join the Marine corps, Wich saved me from prison, and I told him so, I will always remember his booming voice, and his loud laugh, he could be tough, but he had a heart of gold! RIP.*

Delano Columbus - October 14, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Laverne Southward.



October 12, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ Mr. Southward was the best Coach I ever had the privledge to have had. He Coached me for Track in JR High and trained four of us to win the then City record for the Mile Relay. I also won the City Championship for the 800 meter.

Lance R - October 12, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ Mr Southward was also a teacher of mine at Humboldt and later on I also had the pleasure to run into him here and there when he'd visit SPC. Always been a nice guy! Sending condolences to the family!

melissa - October 11, 2024 at 08:48 AM



“ Wow crazy to hear. He was my mom and my auntys and uncle teacher at Roosevelt than when I went to Humboldt he was my helth and gym teacher my brother teacher and wrestling coach. He was a great teacher. Everyone new Mr Southward voice down the hall iam sending condolences to his family.

Lanaya Laroche - October 10, 2024 at 10:53 PM

MS

“ *He was my teacher at Humboldt and he was a great guy! My condolences to his family.* ”

marie stobb - October 10, 2024 at 08:32 PM