

Gordon "Gordie" Gould, 79, of Amelia Island, Fla., formerly of Franklin, passed away July 23, 2007, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

Gordie was born in Streator, Ill., on Sept. 24, 1927. His parents and oldest son, Gary, predeceased him.

Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army, serving in Hawaii. He was later the Desoto automobile dealer in Streator. He retired from TRW as general sales manager in 1975. He was owner of Executive Charters, running fishing, dive and cruise charters in Florida and the Bahamas Islands.

He and his wife, Bobbie, enjoyed many years on North Jones Creek Road in Franklin, leading an active life pursuing many interests such as designing and building custom furniture, gardening, winemaking, cooking and entertaining family and friends, and leaving many fond memories to cherish.

Gordie will be greatly missed and fondly remembered for his courage, talent, sense of humor, sharing stories about his interesting and exciting life, and teaching us all his many skills and everlasting wisdom.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Bobbie Gould; two sons and their families; four stepchildren; and 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service in celebration of his life was held July 28, at the Amelia Plantation Chapel.

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