

Howard Gilbert, age 96, of Crystal River, passed away August 20, 2022 at his home under the loving care of his family and HPH Hospice. Howard was born in New York City on November 11, 1925. He enlisted in the US Army in 1943 and was in combat in Belgium with the 99th Infantry Division, where he received a bronze star for Valor. He moved to Florida in 1948. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and will be missed by all whose lives he touched. He was a manager/CLU for Independent Life Insurance Co. He loved golf and was club champion 2 consecutive years. Travel, television and reading were also his passion when not petting his cats.



Left to cherish his memory are his wife Bonnie (Van Buren) Gilbert, of Crystal River; his children, James, Lori, and Dara; grandchildren Paige, Kristen, Joey, Matthew, Ryan, Dillon, and Cassidy; great-grandchildren Wesley and Graham.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Jessie Gilbert and his sister Arlene Wrigley.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at Fero Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Beverly, Hills, FL at 2PM with full military honors. Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bright Focus Foundation for Macular Degeneration.