

Billy Gaskins, 78, of Ozello, Florida passed away on May 10, 2025.

The only child of Osbal and Gladys Gaskins, Billy was born on February 4, 1947, in Winter Garden, Florida. While attending Winter Garden High School, he worked alongside his father at the family service station, Billy was drafted and served for three years in the Army. After his Army stint, Billy and his wife, Melody, moved to Montverde, Florida where he ran a successful automotive repair shop. For almost 39 years, Billy and Melody split their time between Montverde and Ozello, before retiring in 2019 and moving to Ozello full time.

When Billy, always accompanied by his dogs, wasn't fishing, he was creating beautiful cedar furniture for his friends. And his New Year's party was an island tradition for many years where friends gathered to enjoy his famous hushpuppies and ceviche.

Billy is survived by Melody, his wife of 57 years, and his beloved dogs.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled later.



The family requests no flowers. Please consider donating to a charity of your choice in Billy's name.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL.