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ROY M.D., 85, of Palm Beach Gardens, passed away January 30, 2012 after a courageous 24 year battle with heart disease. Gilbert was sustained throughout his life by an unfaltering devotion to his children and his faith. He was a generous and loving grandfather, brother and colleague, and the devoted and beloved father of Bruce, Michael, and Bonnie Friedman.

Born in Bronx, New York on May 26, 1926 and raised in Newport, R.I., a son of the late Max A. and Bertha (Goldschneider) Friedman, he lived in Palm Beach Gardens from 1985 onward, and in Miami Shores and Miami Beach, where he had been in the private practice of General Surgery since 1961. He was also an Associate Professor of Surgery for the University of Miami Medical School. Dr. Friedman was especially committed to the cause of helping war veterans, and from 1985 to 1995 he worked for the Veterans Administration clinic in Riviera Beach, Fl. He was a member of the American Medical Association, and was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Friedman was a graduate of the University of Rochester ('51) and received his medical degree from Tufts University Medical School ('55) in Boston.

He was a World War Two veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Philippines, and was on a destroyer headed to invade Japan when the atomic bomb allowed a change in orders. Dr. Friedman was an avid reader, passionate about politics and international affairs; an aficionado of the Boston Red Sox, the Boston Celtics, and the Miami Dolphins; and took great pleasure in fishing, sailing, and Latin culture.

Dr. Friedman was a member of Touro Synagogue in Newport, R.I.

He was the dear brother of Dr. Lester M. Friedman, formerly of Warwick, R.I., and loving grandfather of Jack, Steven, Charlie, and Sara.

Funeral services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Dr. Friedman's memory to the Friends of Touro Synagogue Foundation, 85 Touro St., Newport, RI 02840. Funeral arrangements by the Chevra Kadisha Association of Newport County