

Sumner Gordon

Sumner "Joe" Gordon of Williston died Sunday at his home. He was 56.

Mr. Gordon was born in Portland, Maine, and moved to Williston a year ago from Delray Beach. A graduate of the University of Maine, he was a senior mechanical engineer and chief diver for the Naval Underwater Systems Center in New London, Conn., and Fort Lauderdale, where he worked with the Submarine Tactical Array Sonar System.

At various points in his career he worked with the Jacques Cousteau crew riding the bathythermosphere up the Gulf Stream. He also guided the design of the underwater sled used by navy divers.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of Elks Lodge No. 360 in New London. He was Jewish.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Miller Gordon of Williston; his parents, Myer and Ida Gordon of West Palm Beach; a brother, Stephen Gordon of Buffalo Grove, Ill.; and a sister, Jean Gordon Jonas of Delray Beach.

Samuel Burney