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**Floyd Malcolm "Papo" HOWARD**

HOWARD, Floyd Malcolm "Papo" 77, of Plant City went to Heaven Jan. 22, 2014 in the arms of the angels who predeceased him, his loving wife of 55 years, Marian; grandson, David; parents, Roland and Loreeta; and all of his siblings, Margaree, James, Albert, David, and Jerry. To cherish his memory he leaves behind his children, Floyd Jr., Pam Abella (David), Greg (Kris), Sandy Liess (Bo), and Christina; his devoted nephew and best friend Jimmy Stokes (Bobbi Ann); 9 grands; 10 great-grands and many other family members and friends. Papo was born April 15, 1936 in Tampa. He graduated from Hillsborough HS in 1954, where he was a basketball star and continued that legacy after he joined the Air Force in 1955, completing his duty at MacDill AFB in 1961 winning basketball championships. He worked for the City Of Tampa Fire Dept. from 1962-1983 and part/full time for 34 years with Equi-fax/Choice Point. After retiring there was nothing Papo loved more than playing golf with his nephew Jimmy and others. He had the virtue of patience and a heart of gold. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Deputy David Anthony Abella Scholarship Fund, c/o Sandra Liess, 2602 W. Sam Allen Rd. Plant City FL 33565. A celebration of his life will take place at Haught Funeral Home in Plant City, Monday, Jan. 27, with visitation 6-7 pm and service at 7 pm. A burial will take place, 9 am, Feb. 17 with military honors at Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell, FL.

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