



David A. Townley

December 8, 1935 - April 13, 2017

David A. Townley (Technical Sergeant of the USAF) 81 of Altamonte Springs, Florida passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Growing up in Corpus Christi, Texas, David grew to love wide open spaces, flying, country music and travel. Because of his love for airplanes, David became a pilot at age 15 and joined the USAF at the young age of 17 pursuing a love of his country and aviation. He worked as a Radio and Boom operator finishing his career as an Air Traffic Controller. After serving for 20 years with the USAF he went on to have a career with the FAA working also as an Air Traffic Controller for an additional 20 years.

During his career in the service he met his devoted wife Hortensia while serving overseas in the Azores Islands where they married and shared an adventurous life for 59 years. They raised three children together traveling throughout the US. After his retirement David was always happiest attending or witnessing any events that had to do with his fellow veterans and the USAF.

Due to the debilitating disease of Alzheimer, David spent his remaining years at home under the care of his wife. Although he no longer communicated vocally he expressed his love with a smile, a look from his clear blue eyes and a tap of his feet to the music he loved to hear so much.

He is survived by his wife Hortensia Townley, son David Townley and daughters Desiree Townley and Michelle Wells(John). Along with five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A private church service for family will be held but friends are welcome to join for the burial ceremony being held with military honors at Highlands Cemetery at 12:30pm on Friday, April 21, 2017. In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to the Alzheimer Foundation.

Previous Events

Burial & Committal Service

APR 21. 12:30 PM (ET)

Highland Memory Gardens
3329 E. Semoran Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall

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“ I liked Mr Townley, he would always make me laugh and just feel good when he entered the room. I remember I was at your house in SC and he came home all smiles and hearty and he emptied a small paper bag with all these sweets on the kitchen table; honeybuns, zingers, banana flips, no two alike and enough for everyone. I didn't even know grownups bought that stuff, I thought it was cool and just got a big smile on my face and he said here Scott, get you one.
I hope you are all well; David, Desiree, Michelle and Hortense.
When I think of the Townley family they are all good memories.
Thank you for being friends with my family.
My prayers are with Mr Townley and all of you.
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“ Dave and I met, became good friends in 1959 I think it was. We have shared the cost and use of a push lawn mower, camping trips, home visits back and forth for many years. Dave was impressive, very intelligent, quick, and always had drive and interest. He experienced taking night college courses, encouraged me too, and I now have a BSA and an MSA. We have shared many meals, visits from across the country, and for decades. When Dave retired, moved to Dobbins AFB in GA to be an air traffic controller, we loaned him our camping trailer. It was cramped for a full family, but it served until they found a home. We then went to Dobbins for a visit, and they had moved, no forwarding address at that point. I knew Dave, he would not drive into the sun to go to work, and again to come home, so I knew the direction from Dobbins he would not go. I also knew they wanted their children to be in a good school, so the area would have a school close by. So with several considerations in mind, my wife and I found an area we thought it would be in, and decided to systemically go up and down the drives, and in the second pass found their car. They could not believe we found them, smile. But sure enough, there we were. We have shared Holiday meals, family gatherings and good friends for decades. Dave is missed. We have always enjoyed and appreciated everyone of his family. The Burkett's

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