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Clifford C. "Cliff" Shirley, Jr., age 78, of Ocala, passed away on April 9, 2014 at Sylvia's House Hospice of Marion County. A long time resident of Ocala, Cliff was born and grew up in Bedford, Indiana. Known as "Junior" to his family, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at age 17, proudly and honorably serving his country. Cliff married the former Beverly Jane Ramage in 1958. The couple settled in Ocala, and Cliff briefly served as a Police Officer for the city. Cliff learned the air conditioning trade from his father, and using these skills, operated his own air conditioning and refrigeration business for more than 40 years. An artistic photographer, Cliff recorded many wedding ceremonies in the Ocala area. He was a licensed pilot, and in his leisure time enjoyed flying and working on planes. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly; his parents, Clifford and Myrtle Shirley; and siblings, Mike Hurst, Greg Hurst and Jackie Crouse. He is survived by sons, Jeffrey Shirley, Chris Shirley, and Robby Shirley, all of Ocala, Tim Shirley of Jacksonville; and a daughter, Melanie Crosby of Interlachen; brothers, Curtis Shirley, Kenneth Hurst, Don Hurst, and David Hurst; sisters, Brenda Ann Streicher, and Cathy Bosler; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11:00 AM. on Monday, April 21, at San Mateo Cemetery in Putnam County, near Palatka. Rev. Terry Wright will officiate. St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.