



Howard Palmer

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Howard Palmer of Holland, Ohio, passed away on October 10, 2010, after a long illness. He was born in Murray, Kentucky on August 11, 1928. His parents were David and Myrtle Palmer. The family moved to Toledo in 1941. He was a graduate of Scott High School. During this time he worked in the family business Palmer's Confection & Carry Out Store on Dorr & Wells.

Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the Army and received a honorable discharge after serving three years. When he came home, Howard studied at the University of Toledo and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1952 and was the first African American to graduate with that degree from the university.

Then he moved to Seattle, Washington and was an electrical engineer at Boeing Aircraft and later at Lockheed Martin Burbank, California. He received a private pilot's license and flew back and forth to Toledo on several occasions.

He retired from Lockheed and returned to Holland to pursue other interests. He was an avid writer and had a book published. Uncle Howard was a great story teller and we will miss him!

Howard leaves to cherish his memory in their hearts are his nieces Angela

(Tunnell) Overton and Rita Copeland and nephews David and Aaron Copeland.

Howard is preceded in death by his parents and sisters Geraldine Palmer and Evva Mae Copeland.