Obituary for Melvin Bailey Jr.
Born July 25, 1937 passed peacefully on July 18, 2010 after a year-long fight with cancer. Loving husband of Ferrel for 51 years, dearest father of 9 children, 15 grandchildren & 17 great-grandchildren. After graduating from Bates High School in Annapolis, MD, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. During his 28 year military career, he attained the rank of Chief Master Sgt. During his service in Viet Nam and the Pacific, he was issued the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Force Commendation Medal and numerous other Air Force Good Conduct and Meritorious Service medals. He served most of his career as a Flight Engineer on C130 aircraft, and ended his military service in 1983 while stationed at McClellan AFB. He then started a career at the US Postal Service, working as a supervisor until he retired in 1999. Melvin enjoyed golf and a good game of horseshoe with his buddies, along with spending time with his large family at family functions. Family and friends are invited to a memorial service on Friday, July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at East Lawn Mortuary, 5757 Greenback Lane, Sacramento, CA 95841. (916) 732-2020.