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**Edward I. Arthur**

Arthur Edward I. Arthur, 79, of Lancaster, Ohio and St. Augustine, Florida, passed on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at St. Augustine's Flagler Hospital. He first entered the US [Army](#) as an underager of 13. He served in the US Army, 1/9 B and D Troops, during the [Vietnam War](#) in 1966, 1967 and 1970, where he earned two [Purple Hearts](#), a [Bronze Star](#) with Valor and five Air Medals, one with a "V" device. Prior to that he fought at the Bay of Pigs to depose Fidel Castro. He also served his country behind the Iron Curtain in the 60's. After his military service, he was Undersheriff of Teller County, Colorado, where he received the American Police Hall of Fame Silver Star for Bravery. He continued his law enforcement career in various locales fighting crime until his retirement. He authored several books on his career and was an avid artist, who in his youth was quite a Saxophone musician. He is founder of the Ohio Military Hall of Fame and a life member of VFW, American Legion, DAV and Amvets. He served as a Commissioner on the Fairfield County Veterans Service Commission. His life was dedicated to America's active military and retired veterans where all will meet the "Fiddler on the Green." He was a hero to his country, his family and his community. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Rhoads Arthur; daughters, Tammy Arthur, Debbie and Ron Grimm, Amy and Anthony Jackman; and son, Edward I Arthur II. He loved his grandchildren, Colin Hughes, Allison Hughes, Danny and Alexandra Hughes, and William Matthew Lee and his little darling granddaughters, Abbey Jackman and Kyra Grimm, and great-granddaughter, Alyssa Hughes. He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Edna and William Henry; brother, David Lemery; nieces and nephews, William Henry, Edward Henry, Terry Browning, Carol McClure, Carl Henry, David Lemery, Lisa Lemery, Venita Lemery and Shawnda Duffy; and numerous great nieces and great nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Charles and Jessie Arthur. Viewing is scheduled on Monday, February 2, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the DWAYNE SPENCE FUNERAL HOME, 650 W. Waterloo Street, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110. A funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 3, at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Union Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Motts Military Museum, 5075 S. Hamilton Road, Groveport, Ohio. Online condolences may be found at [www.spencefuneralhome.com](http://www.spencefuneralhome.com).

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