



# Arthur J. Shelfer, Jr.

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**A**rthur Julian Shelfer, Jr. died at home on October 28, 2020 in Tallahassee, Florida. He was 71 years of age.

Arthur was born in July of 1949, in Atlanta, to Arthur J. Shelfer and Julia Cooper Shelfer (deceased). He was educated in Atlanta and graduated from Virginia Military Institute with a BA in history in 1971. He continued his education at Emory Law School in Atlanta where he earned his JD. He was a Captain in the United States Army Reserves and became an FBI agent in 1975. After leaving the FBI he practiced law in Thomasville, Georgia for 30 years.

Arthur was a man of unique wit and humor, appreciated by those who knew him well. He was a great friend who loved animals, nature, and all outdoor activities. He was an avid camper, hiker, and canoeist. He especially found great joy in his canoeing activity with family and a very special group of friends. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother, and son. He will be sorely missed.

Art is survived by his wife of 43 years, Janice Ward Shelfer; son Arthur Tristan Shelfer and his wife Katherine of Tallahassee, Florida; sister Jane Shelfer Mobley and her husband Graham; nephew Michael Mobley (Karen), their children; and his niece Catherine Mobley Preissig.

The family will not have a service at this time given the current pandemic. A memorial service will be announced at a later date at which time we will celebrate the life of Arthur. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the American Cancer Society.



# Tribute Wall

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**Jim Kennedy** posted:

Art, who lived two doors East of us on Palifox, was my best friend and running buddy for ten years (age 6 to age 15). Our birthdays were two days apart and I never failed to remind him that I was older and smarter - He quickly disabused me of the second thought! We played together, were in school together, in Scouts together, and even ran for class president (Arthur) and vice-president together. When the Shelfers moved away & Art started at Lakewood High, AND we got driver's licenses, we drifted apart. Art went on to Virginia Military Academy & Emory Law school (not me!). No one was happier than I was to see him and Mrs AJS III, Janice, at Bass High reunions. I know we will all miss him but I doubt more than me....Jim

November 8 at 9:42 PM



**Darlene Collins** lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



November 2 at 10:44 AM



**Lisa Gatherer** lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



October 31 at 4:47 AM



**Donald & Gloria May** lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



October 30 at 11:29 AM



**Jim Thomas** October 31 at 10:14 AM

With fond memories of a dear friend and a fellow alumni of Bass High School and Mary Lin Elementary School in Atlanta. I had the pleasure of being a teammate of Arthur's on the Bass High football team for two years before we both transferred away to other high schools in the Atlanta area. We also spent some very happy days hanging out and playing sandlot baseball and football at Lake Clair Park. Arthur was a most intelligent and gentle soul. Life was so much richer by having Arthur as a buddy in our brief growing time in the early '60s.



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Arthur by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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