



**Arthur James Caravan**

**United States Army**

**Service No. 31313685**

**World War II**

**Born:** 29 Sep 1914

**Died:** 01 Apr 2008

**Place of Birth:** Country Road, Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Walter and Fannie (nee Samways) Caravan

Arthur was the first child born to Walter and Fannie of Bay Roberts. The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows Walter at 34, Fannie at 28, Arthur 7, Roy 4, and Lois 3.

The next census in 1935 lists a growing family as: Walter 48, Fannie 42, Arthur 21,

Roy 18, Lois 17, Earle 14, Leslie 12, Bert 9, Isaac 7, Velma 3, and Bruce less than a year old.

Arthur arrived in the United States in September 1940 at Calais, Maine. He found employment and was living in Alston, Massachusetts. In October, he was drafted into service. He is now twenty-six (26).

Physically, Arthur stood 5' 9" tall, weighed 138 lbs, of light complexion with brown hair and hazel eyes.

Although not yet an American citizen, he enlisted in the army on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1943, at Hartford, Connecticut. He was living in Fairfield, Connecticut at the time.

While in service, Arthur was hospitalized twice, once in February 1944 and again in June 1945. He served for a period of three (3) years.

Arthur became a naturalized American citizen in October 1946 at Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1947, Arthur married Anita Marie Odilia Burke, at Norwalk Connecticut. Anita had been married before in 1942 but her then husband, John Gardner died in 1946.

The 1950 US Federal census lists the Caravan as living in Norwalk, Connecticut. Arthur is 35, Anita is 29, sons Richard and Donald are 5 and 1, respectively. Arthur is working in the plumbing and heating industry as a plumber.

1992 finds the Caravan living in Debray, Florida. It is here at Ormond Beach, Florida, in 2008 that Arthur passed away.

### **Arthur Caravan Obituary**

Arthur James Caravan, 93, Ormond Beach, died Sat., April 5, 2008, at Halifax Medical Center. Arthur was born Sept. 29, 1914, in Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, Canada. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of American Legion. He is survived by four sons, Richard Caravan, Ormond Beach, Donald Caravan, Norwalk, Conn., Gerald Caravan, Wilton, Conn., and Barry Caravan, Newbury, N.H.; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Share condolences with the family at [www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com). Arrangements are under the careful direction of Lohman Funeral Home Ormond.