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What an amazing story about Sgt. 1st Class Patrick James Arthur, who died during the Korean War and was buried there in a makeshift grave, only to be returned to U.S. soil 58 years later.

It's a story of hope. One that offers an example of never giving up on those you love.

□ For members of Arthur's family, who include Kaye Einspahr of Enders, it must be an event that will rank right up there with some other major life events.

□ Many of Arthur's relatives and two veterans who served in the Korean War with him attended last Friday's funeral and burial at Arlington Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

□ Anyone who's ever been to Arlington Cemetery can attest to the impact a service there has. Just seeing the thousands of white crosses symmetrically placed across acres of green grass gives a person pause.

□ It was undoubtedly no different for members of Arthur's family last week.

□ Kaye Einspahr said her mother, who was Arthur's sister, and another of his sisters provided DNA that was used in determining the remains of Arthur.

She said her mother, who died five years ago, specifically had the DNA taken with the intent that it be used if her brother was ever found.

What a testimony of hope, and one that is a great example, especially in these times.

Our hearts go out to the family of Patrick Arthur, who served his country well. May he now, finally, rest in peace.