



Joseph G. Archer

June 25, 1920 - September 13, 2021

Joseph G. Archer, age 101, from Rushville, Indiana passed away September 13th, 2021 at the FlatRock River Lodge. Joe was a 1938 graduate of Raleigh High School and attended Earlham College before being drafted into the Army Air Corp.

He was a P.F.C. in the US Air Corp Weather Division. Prior to going overseas he was stationed in Oklahoma City where he reported weather to pilots who were stopping to refuel and file flight plans. He was promoted to Sergeant and sent to Bradley Field in Hartford, Connecticut for overseas training where he met his future wife at a USO dance. He then shipped out to England to support P47 Thunderbolt aircraft. He served overseas for 4 years and entered France on Omaha Beach and supported P47s throughout France and Germany.

After the war, he married Carolyn Jane Wells of Springfield, Massachusetts on May 25th 1946 and returned to Raleigh, Indiana and started farming. In addition to farming Joe also owned and operated the Archer Farm Supply business.

Joe was Trustee of Washington Township and was also appointed to the Rushville School Board. He was a lifetime member of the Raleigh Christian Church where he served as trustee for many years. In 1950 he became a

member of the Masonic Lodge and was a 71 year Mason.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Carolyn Wells Archer and two sisters, Rozza Archer, Richmond, IN and Arabella Fultz, Boulder, CO.

Joe has two surviving sisters Jacqueline Green of Georgetown, TX and Dorcas Hufferd of Hemet, CA.

Survivors for Joe include two daughters Susan (Tom) Dunker of Columbus, IN; Leslie (Jim) Cottrell of Naples, FL; Grandchildren Alyson (Colin) Schermann of Fishers, IN; Erin ELKalla of Columbus, IN and three great grandchildren Hannah and Joey ELKalla; and Brooks Schermann. Joe is also survived by his loving companion and partner of 10 years, Myrtle Gwinnup.

Services will be held on Saturday September 18th 2021 at 10:30 at the Raleigh Christian Church with Pastor Tony Augsburger presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 4PM-8PM at Moster Mortuary on Friday, September 17, 2021. Burial will be held in Raleigh Cemetery.

Contributions can be made to the Rush County Foundation, Our Hospice, or the Raleigh Christian Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **17**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-3914
info@mostermortuary.com
<https://www.mostermortuary.com>

Service

SEP **18**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Raleigh Christian Church
Raleigh, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph G. Archer*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *What a great man! He was a good friend to my father, Richard Cole. I worked for him one summer detasseling corn and he was so encouraging when I was struggling to get the hang of it. He also ALWAYS purchased my pig at the Rush County Fair 4-H auction. He made a very positive impact on this young country child.*

Christy Sprinkles - October 08, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph G. Archer.*



September 16, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph G. Archer.*



September 16, 2021 at 09:26 AM

DM

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the life of your father. I have sweet memories of time spent in your home when we were young. I always felt so welcome there. May your memories be a comfort to you.

Debi MacKay - September 16, 2021 at 06:39 AM

DN

Joe was a wonderful great person and friend. Always smiling and caring and there to lend a helping hand. I will miss taking a meat and cheese tray to him at Christmas. He always welcomed me in to sit and talk.

Dean Newkirk - September 18, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joseph G. Archer.



September 15, 2021 at 07:19 PM

SE

“ Such fond memories of Joe, a gentleman, a leader. Our family has been talking today of how we were influenced by our memories of him in our lives! We rented a house from him, Mike worked for him, I went to school with Leslie, and I remember where his family always sat in church! We pray for comfort, but good memories, Roger & Susan (Hickman) Engle

Susan Engle - September 15, 2021 at 06:56 PM

BM

“ Sorry to hear this! My father, Jay Coop, thought a lot of Joe Archer. My thoughts are with the Archer family!

Bonnie Coop Meier



Bonnie Coop Meier - September 15, 2021 at 03:48 PM

NM

“ Neil & Lynda Masco lit a candle in memory of Joseph G. Archer



Neil & Lynda Masco - September 15, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph G. Archer.



September 15, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph G. Archer.



September 15, 2021 at 10:25 AM

PS

“ Paul & Sarah Schermann purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Joseph G. Archer.



Paul & Sarah Schermann - September 15, 2021 at 09:27 AM

SS

“ Sydney&luther Snedegar lit a candle in memory of Joseph G. Archer



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DR

“ Donald Rolfe lit a candle in memory of Joseph G. Archer



Donald Rolfe - September 15, 2021 at 08:17 AM

LG

“ Le'Ann (Ellis) Gibbons lit a candle in memory of Joseph G. Archer



Le'Ann (Ellis) Gibbons - September 15, 2021 at 12:44 AM