



Joseph M. Archer

November 15, 1949 - December 7, 2018

Joseph M. Archer, 69, passed away peacefully at his home in Salem, N. J. on December 7, 2018. He was the son of the late Samuel J. and Mollie (Clark) Archer of Pennsville, NJ. He was a proud graduate of the class of 1967 at Pennsville Memorial High School. He was very involved with the alumni and reunion activities of his class.

Joe owned and operated Archer's Carpet Shop in Pennsville from 1968 until his retirement in 2010.

Joe's passion was music. His professional career as an organist began in 1966 when he started playing at Elsmere Rollerama in Elsmere, Delaware. In later years he had the house band at the West End Boat Club in Chester, Pa.

He also played at many local weddings, funerals, and parties.

Joe was the long time president of the Regina Coeli Society at St. Patrick's Church in Wilmington, Delaware where he actively promoted the Latin Mass. He was also the long time president of the Commodore Barry Division No.2 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Delaware County, Pa. and was very proud of his Irish heritage. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Peace Council 4518 in Delaware County, Pa. where he was a 4th Degree Knight. Locally he was a member of the Salem County Historical Society, the Pennsville Township Historical Society, and the Historical Society of Penns Grove, Carneys Point, and Oldmans .

Everyone who has ever come in contact with Joe will remember that he had a joke for every subject under discussion. Those jokes will be missed.

Joe is survived by his wife of 44 years, Judy Steward Archer. He is also survived by his sister Barbara Ayars (Keith) of Ft. Myers, Florida, and 2 nephews Casey and Matthew Ayars.

Relatives and friends are invited to his visitation on Friday, December 14 from 6-8 PM and Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the Ashcraft Funeral Home, 740 S. Broadway, Pennsville, NJ. Funeral mass to follow at 11AM at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 25 Oak Street, Salem, NJ. Interment will be at a later date.

The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Patrick's Church, 1414 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 or the Salem County Historical Society, 83 Market Street, Salem, N. J. 08079.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ashcraft Funeral Home (PV)
740 S. Broadway
Pennsville, NJ 08070
(856) 299-3366
ashcraftfuneralhomes@gmail.com

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a Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **15.** 11:00 AM.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
25 Oak Street
Salem, NJ

Tribute Wall

JE

“ *My condolences to Joe's family. I remember him from the early days of the Regina Coeli Society many years ago at St. Anthony and St. Joseph churches. I can't begin to express my gratitude for his diligent efforts, which provided the foundation which helped save my faith.*

Jerry Eckert - February 05, 2019 at 04:32 AM

GL

“ *To All Family & Friends,
We Send Our Prayers & Blessings... So Sorry For Your Loss...
George & Connie*

George Constance Lange - December 16, 2018 at 03:05 PM

SD

“ *Very sorry to learn of Joe's passing. He took me to the movies when I was in second grade. Susan Hunt Douglass*

Susan Douglass - December 12, 2018 at 07:15 AM

CT

“ *Sorry to hear of his passing. My sister and I had the pleasure of touring his historic home in Salem on a personal tour, which he made fun and entertaining. It was the first time I had ever met him and he gladly opened his home and heart to us. I have lots of lovely photos and memories of our day spent with him. Condolences to Judy and all his friends and family. Carol Touchstone*

Carol Touchstone - December 11, 2018 at 05:33 PM

MH

So sorry to hear this. He was a good friend over the years. Mel and Patsy Humphreys.

Mel and Patsy Humphreys - December 11, 2018 at 06:28 PM

EF

“ *So sorry for the loss of Joey. He was one of a kind. He knew his genealogy and had a joke For every occasion. Eleanor Weeks Fellers.*

Eleanor Fellers - December 11, 2018 at 04:52 PM

VL

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Joe Archer. It was always a pleasure to do business at the carpet store because of Joe! We were also blessed to have Joe play the organ at our wedding at Riverview Beach Park many years ago. May fond memories of Joe bring comfort to his family & friends.

*Vanessa Lockwood
MyrtleBeach, SC*

vanessa lockwood - December 11, 2018 at 02:47 PM

CH

“ Barbra sorry for your loss.
Charles Owens

cheryl - December 11, 2018 at 02:17 PM