



James M. Archer

February 6, 1922 - June 1, 2014

James M. Archer, 92, a long time Ephrata resident passed away Sunday, June 1, 2014 at Summer Wood Care Center in Moses Lake, WA. Jim was born February 6, 1922 to William Archer and Clara Armstrong Archer at Longmont, CO. He was one of ten children-five brothers and four sisters. He graduated from Longmont High School in 1939, then attended Colorado A & M in Fort Collins, CO before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1942. He was a fighter pilot in training at the Ephrata Air base during World War II when he met his future wife of 69 years, Joan Burd.

Upon completing his training he was sent to Italy where he flew his P-38 Lightning for 36 missions before returning to Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, AZ.

He and Joan were married there on August 28, 1945. They returned to Ephrata for a short visit and stayed a lifetime.

Jim started work at G.C. PUD in 1946 as a ground man and thirty years later retired as local manager. During his tenure there, he was the recipient of the WMT Elmgren Public Service Award presented by NW Power Association for his public volunteer service.

He was active in Jaycees and Ephrata Rotary, served as Ephrata School Board Chairman, and was treasurer for six years at Memorial Christian Church. He coached Little League baseball, and was president and District Representative for Eastern Washington within that organization.

In 1993, he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by Rotary, and in 1977

entered the political ring. He was elected Grant County Treasurer, a position he held for eight years.

He enjoyed his retirement to the fullest. He loved to play golf and was a member of Lakeview Golf Club for many years. He enjoyed woodworking and traveling. But most of all, he enjoyed his family and felt so fortunate to watch his grandchildren grow up.

Their love for him was returned in so many ways, and he will be terribly missed. One grandchild expressed "we wish heaven had visiting hours", a sentiment shared by all.

Jim is survived by his wife Joan; sons Gary (Sandy), and Jim (Kathy), all of Ephrata; four grandchildren- Geoff (Elisabeth Silver) of Seattle; Kasey (Jeff Bivens) of Vancouver, WA; Becca (Ryan Doree) of Spokane; Karly (Manual Gomez) of Pullman; seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; his two sisters-Roberta Domann of Miranda, CA; and Clarice Neighbors of Longmont, CO; and numerous nieces and nephews.

If desired, donations in his memory can be made to Memorial Christian Church or Columbia Basin Hospital. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 am on Monday, June 9 at Memorial Christian Church, 453 East Division, Ephrata. Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, WA. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family and view the online tribute video at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.
Soap Lake, WA 98851
(509) 754-4150
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Previous Events

Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

Memorial Christian Church
453 E Division Ave
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of James M. Archer*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - June 05, 2014 at 12:43 PM

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A heart-warming video of a great man. I and my three sons had the pleasure of living next to Jim and Joan for eight years. He was quite a guy.

tim lambro - July 21, 2016 at 03:35 PM

JG

“ *Fly high and free, Jim !*

Soar over us until we join you.

I've cherished your friendship since we trained together in Ephrata in 1944,.

and as we gathered with friends at your 14th FG digs and in Naples.

With love to Joan and your wonderful family -- Jim Graham



Jim Graham - June 07, 2014 at 02:22 PM

JG

“ *Fly high & free, Jim -- You've got your immortal wings!*

I've cherished you & Joan as friends from Ephrata in 1944 and since.

Soar over us and your wonderful family until we join you.

We've maintained a great connection from our times in the Foggia valley

and I often reflect on our friendship from those days.

With everlasting love, Jim Graham



JIM GRAHAM - June 07, 2014 at 01:27 PM

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