



John Paul Archer

December 7, 1936 - September 28, 2024

John Paul Archer of Pierce City passed into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Mt. Vernon Place Care Center in Mt. Vernon, Missouri. He was born in Springdale, Arkansas on Monday, December 7, 1936, to Fred and Veva (Bowlin) Archer. Education was important to him. He obtained a master's degree in music education and used this training to pour into the lives of many over the years as he taught them music. Mr. Archer retired from public education after teaching music in Verona and Monett for 30 years. He also had a private music studio business where he gave music lessons for over 50 years. Pierce City was important to Mr. Archer and he served the town in many ways. He was an Alderman for 25 years. He organized and managed the recycling center in Pierce City for 20 years. He was also a business owner, Archer's Antiques, prior and during the tornado for 12 years. Mr. Archer was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Monett where he served as the church organist and choir director for many years. He was a master gardener, and it showed with the beautiful flowers and plants in the yard of his home. He will be missed by many!

Mr. Archer married Carmen Summers on Sunday, December 27, 1964. They have two children: Tracey (Chris) Oswald of Eureka, Missouri and Bradley Archer of Pierce City. John and Carmen have three grandchildren: William (Amber) Oswald of Eureka, Missouri; Amber Oswald of Ballwin, Missouri; and Allison Archer (Andrew Pruitt) of Monett, Missouri. They also have seven

great-grandchildren: Rowan, Hawthorne, Rocket, Kanden, Michael, Wyatt, and Temperance.

Mr. Archer was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Veva; and his wife, Carmen.

He was an active member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Monett. A memorial service will be held there on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, beginning at 2:00 PM under the direction of Pastor Bob Simpson. A reception will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made at the service, to Bright Focus Foundation for Dementia and Alzheimer's. Arrangements have been entrusted to the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
603 4th Street
Monett, MO

Tribute Wall

BP

“ We were saddened to hear that John Archer had passed away. We enjoyed sharing information about the family.
Barry and Becky Puryear

Barry Puryear - December 10, 2024 at 10:10 AM

BB

“ Sorry to hear of John's passing. He will be greatly missed. He was always willing to teach you something about music, antiques, plants or life in general.

Betty and Thom Brandt - October 05, 2024 at 03:03 PM

SH

“ Both my husband and I have fond memories of Mr. Archer mostly from Monett Elementary School in the music room which I remember like it was yesterday. As an adult, I enjoyed visiting with him in his antique shop in Pierce City, prior to the tornado. He has hundreds of students and church members who will remember him and his love for music. Our sympathies to his children- Susan and Kevin Huffmaster

Susan Huffmaster - October 03, 2024 at 01:29 PM

MR

“ John kept a close eye on my career over the years, and once told me I had improved significantly. A compliment from John was worth more than 10 gold stars from any teacher. Rest in peace.

Melonie W Roberts - October 02, 2024 at 12:17 AM

RV

“ Richard V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Paul Archer.

Richard V. - October 01, 2024 at 12:43 PM

ZC

“ Our youngest son took piano from John for several years, even buying John's piano at one point. Later, John accompanied and helped me with the musical "Oklahoma" when Aurora Community Theatre presented it. We have many fond memories of him. I am sorry for the family's loss. He was an interesting and talented friend.

Zona Crabtree - September 30, 2024 at 10:13 PM

JR

John was a master teacher for Monett R-1, as well as a dedicated teacher in private teaching, and an avid leader in community service for both Monett and Pierce City. His Christmas programs at Monett Elementary K-6 are Legendary. Godspeed, John.
Jane Rogers

Jane Rogers - October 02, 2024 at 07:13 PM

MH

“ Mr Archer was a kind hearted person. I tried out for melody of life group my senior year. He asked me why I didn't try out earlier. I was pretty shy he help me build my confidence. since then I've sang in gospel groups and I have been the music Director at my church for the last 13 years. I'm sure he have a hay day leading Gods choir !

Mark Hemphill - September 30, 2024 at 09:59 PM

AH

“ John was the music teacher at Verona when I was in high school and was our class sponsor (1964). A young bachelor at the time, we all thought he was "hip!" He taught me a lot about vocal music and I appreciated him as a teacher. Ann Hall

Ann Hall - September 30, 2024 at 09:58 PM

GJ

“ He also played the beautiful pipe organ at the Aurora First Christian Church.

Gail Florer James - September 30, 2024 at 08:29 PM

MB

“ Mr. Archer was a huge part of my high school years. Not only was he my Choir teacher he played piano for me during a talent contest. He was a very dear person and will be missed very much. Today's youth need more role models like Mr. Archer who greatly impacted my life for the good.

Mary Baker - September 30, 2024 at 06:49 PM

DM

“ He truly made a difference in my life. The years I spent taking piano from him prepared me for college auditions. I learned so much from him and am truly grateful for the time in his studio. He is a part of who I am today. I am so glad I got to visit with him years later in the antique store. Prayers of comfort for the entire family.

Dr.Jamila L McWhirter - September 30, 2024 at 06:29 PM

MP

“ *Mr archer taught me piano foe many years I became a better player with his talent still play today he will be missed so sorry foe your loss many payers*

Marty Probstfield - September 30, 2024 at 01:59 PM

JA

“ *I will always remember Mr Archer. He was a great Music Teacher and I also remember his pipe organ he restored.*

Jill Arbuthnot - September 30, 2024 at 01:11 PM

KP

“ *Both my husband and I have very fond memories of Mr. Archer when he was the music teacher in Verona. He especially made singing fun and brought out the best in all the students. Kay and Steve Probstfield.*

Kay Probstfield - September 30, 2024 at 11:20 AM