



William James Archer, III

October 15, 2025

William J. “Jim” Archer, III, 74, awesome father to Chelsea and Wills, beloved husband to Toni, made a peaceful transition to heaven on October 15, 2025, after a years-long struggle with COPD. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded in love by family and dear friends. He was born in Portsmouth, the only son and baby of the family, to William J. “Hunky” Archer Jr and Bertie A. Archer. He was a graduate of Churchland High School, class of 1969, and attended Tidewater Community College.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Linda A. Legum, nephew Aaron Legum, and brother-in-law James C. Schneider.

Jim had a 40-year career as a mortgage loan officer, retiring from Old Virginia Mortgage. He served his customers with integrity and excellent customer service, going out of his way to ensure they had a smooth, successful home-buying experience.

Jim was an amazing all-around athlete. In his younger years, he played on several adult softball and basketball leagues. He also played tennis, but golf was his first love; on Wednesday and Friday blitzes, Sunday with a regular group of friends, or any other opportunity, he would be on the course. Two of his proudest moments were getting his hole-in-one and qualifying for the Eastern Amateur Golf Tournament at Elizabeth Manor. He

also coached both of his children's basketball and soccer teams in the Western Branch Rec League.

Jim never met a stranger. He was a steadfast friend, always up for a party, poker night, or an impromptu get-together. He was always willing to help a buddy whenever the need arose. He will be deeply missed by his golfing cronies, his "Brothers of Pong" ping-pong group, and his Wednesday night pool buddies.

But first and foremost, Jim fiercely loved his family. He leaves to rejoice in his memory, Toni, his wife of almost 40 years, and his children, Chelsea Archer and William J. "Wills" Archer IV. His sister, Mary Jane Pope, will deeply miss him, as will his brothers-in-law, Max Pope and Larry Legum, and his sisters-in-law, Robin Schneider and Debra Wagner. He was a much-loved uncle to four nieces and five nephews. He will always be in the hearts of our family and those of his wonderful circle of friends.

Jim touched so many people in his lifetime, all of whom have a story to tell! Our family is humbled by the outpouring of love, support, and tributes we have received in the aftermath of his death. We would also like to acknowledge the wonderful care he received from Gentiva Hospice over the past year and a half, especially the care and advocacy of his nurse, Rebecca Shell.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Park View Christian Church, 3201 Western Branch Blvd. Chesapeake, Virginia 23321. A reception will follow at the Obici House at Sleepy Hole Golf Course. If you so choose, donations in Jim's memory can be made to the American Lung Association.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Park View Christian Church Disciples of Christ
3201 Western Branch Blvd
Chesapeake, VA 23321
(757) 484-1776

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Dean and Cathy Kohler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William James Archer, III.

Dean and Cathy Kohler - November 01, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William James Archer, III.



November 01, 2025 at 08:36 AM

PA

“ Patricia A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William James Archer, III.

Patricia A. - October 31, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of William James Archer, III.



October 29, 2025 at 08:07 PM

NL

“ Nicole, Ashton & Andersen Legum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William James Archer, III.

Nicole, Ashton & Andersen Legum - October 29, 2025 at 02:01 PM

NL

“ Nicole, Ashton & Andersen Legum purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of William James Archer, III.



Nicole, Ashton & Andersen Legum - October 29, 2025 at 02:01 PM

DH

“ I'm sad to hear about my old school days friend Jimmy Archer passing on. I first heard about it in the Churchland and Western Branch High Schools Class of 1969 Facebook group. I wondered about funeral or memorial service. Thank you for posting this nice obituary. My condolences to all of his family. God bless the memory of Jim Archer.

Denny Hollowell - October 26, 2025 at 07:27 PM

LF

“ Love, Bee and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William James Archer, III.



Love, Bee and Family - October 26, 2025 at 06:48 PM

LF

“ Love, Bee and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William James Archer, III.

Love, Bee and Family - October 26, 2025 at 06:48 PM

NH

“ Normal H. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William James Archer, III.



Normal H. - October 26, 2025 at 12:02 PM

AL

“ Adam, Stacey, Lauren, and Laney Legum purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William James Archer, III.



Adam, Stacey, Lauren, and Laney Legum - October 24, 2025 at 12:07 PM

PF

“ Pat Jones and Larry Legum and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William James Archer, III.



Pat Jones and Larry Legum and family - October 22, 2025 at 12:07 AM

MF

“ *Mary Jane, Max and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William James Archer, III.*



Mary Jane, Max and family - October 21, 2025 at 10:59 AM

MD

“ *Max & Andrea, Cindy & Jerry, Tam & Dave purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of William James Archer, III.*



Max & Andrea, Cindy & Jerry, Tam & Dave - October 20, 2025 at 06:56 PM