



# Merritt V. Archer Sr.

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## **Merritt V. Archer Sr.**

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**M**r. Merritt V. Archer Sr., age 83, passed away peacefully Thursday, September 10, 2020 at his home with his family by his side. He was born in Muskegon on March 23, 1937 to Mason and Elizabeth (VanderWeir) Archer Sr. Merritt was a veteran of the United States Navy. He owned American Royal Travel prior to his retirement. Merritt was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Don Rea VFW Post #8846. He enjoyed football, hunting, traveling, and spending time with his family. On July 17, 1965, Merritt married the former Paulette Burmingham in Muskegon and she survives him along with their children, Merritt (Lori) Archer, Jr., Mark Archer, and Jana (Ryan) Blanchette; eight grandchildren, Paige, Jalen, Mikayla, Merritt III, Alyssa, Ellis, Nicole, and Connor; and one sister, Merry (Tim) Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Mason Archer, Jr. and Fr. Marvin Archer; and one sister, Marilyn Cooper. PUBLIC VISITATION will be from 5:30 – 8:00 PM Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. FUNERAL SERVICES for Merritt will be PRIVATE. Memorials in his memory may be directed to First Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. Burial will be in Laketon Township Cemetery.



# Events


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## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, September 16, 2020

 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

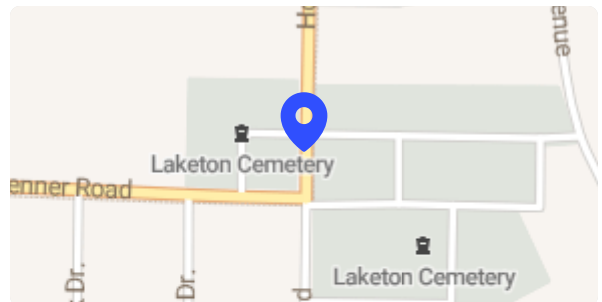
6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



## Cemetery Details

 **Laketon Township Cemetery**

620 Horton Road, Muskegon MI 49445





## Tribute Wall

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AW

**Annie White** posted:

We had alot of good times together. Hope you and Wayne are enjoying yourselves together again. You are both missed very much. Annie White

September 28 at 1:26 PM

RB

**Rick Balcom** posted:

Merritt was a good man. Every time we seen him he always would Joke and have kind words. I can remember his work ethic, always busy and ready to help. He will be missed greatly. We are thinking of your Family during this tough time. We will always remember the good memories with Merritt. Rick and Carlene.

September 16 at 9:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Archer family.



September 15 at 7:01 AM

JF

**Joann Federighe** posted:

Hi Paulette; so sorry to hear of Merrit's passing. Thinking of you and the family during this difficult timeLove Joann Federighe and family

September 12 at 11:42 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Archer family.



September 12 at 5:40 AM

ND

**Nanci DeLong** posted:

Paulette, so sorry to hear of the passing of Merritt. He was such a kind man and good person. I know you have wonderful memories to help you through this trying time. Prayers for you and your family. Nanci DeLong

September 12 at 3:09 AM



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JM

**Judith McIntyre** posted:

Paulette and family, Bill and I hold all of you in our thoughts and prayers at this time. A wonderful husband, father, and friend is now at peace joining those who have gone before him. May you all find comfort with the many wonderful memories who have and the faith that also brings comfort especially at this time. ~Bill and Judi~

September 11 at 3:40 PM

RM

**Ruth Ann A Mays** posted:

Dear Paulette and family, I am so sorry to hear of Merritt's passing. I always enjoyed working and travelling with your travel agency. Merritt was a very nice and kind man. My sincerest sympathy is with you all during this difficult time. Ruth Ann Mays

September 11 at 1:19 PM

SH

**Sharon** posted:

I like to call Merritt our "Fearless Leader". He had a desire to travel and see the world, and that led him to purchase American Royal Travel. This was the beginning of many adventures. He worked hard to learn his new business and became very successful. He began to travel and found something he loved about every place he visited and each time he returned that would be the destination he would promote. Merritt loved sharing his adventures with clients. He became so good at telling his travel stories people wanted to travel with him. Soon he had a group of 40+ adventure seekers ready to follow him to his next destination, always returning with funny stories and new friends he had made. Travel was his passion. Now after 30 years of working with Merritt enjoying the good times and getting thru the not so good times, I watched our Fearless Leader embark on his final journey. It is the end of an era, and I will miss my friend dearly.

September 11 at 8:10 AM

MW

**Marilyn Willacker** posted:

I send my deepest sympathy to all of Merritt's family. He will be missed and I know you will all try to be strong for him. He lived a good life and he was a family person someone always loved and could go to. God be with you all. Love and Prayers, Marilyn Willacker

September 11 at 6:13 AM



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CR

**Chrissy Rohn** posted:

My condolences to you Paulette, Jana, Mark, Merritt, and the rest of your family. Merritt was a super kind man. I will always remember the kindness he showed towards me my senior year. One memory will stand out forever. He wrote an extremely nice letter to OV Athletic department. Such a sweet etter that made me proud and my mother cry. He was sincerely a nice man, and I am sure he will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers, Chrissy Rohn

September 11 at 4:21 AM

CH

**Cheryl** posted:

Paulette and family - we are so sorry for your loss - We will always remember all the fun filled trips we took with you and Merritt. He was such a lovable caring person and will be missed. Cheryl & Stan Gancarz

September 10 at 2:08 PM

LB

**Lisa Bessinger** posted:

Paulette and Archer Family please accept our deepest Sympathy for your loss, Merritt made such an BIG impact in our life. May time help you heal and bring you peace.

September 10 at 1:53 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Merritt by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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