



## Katherine L. Archer

May 5, 1928 - August 30, 2019

Katherine L. “Katie” Archer, 91, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Friday, August 30, 2019 in Charlotte. Katie was born May 5, 1928 in Pennfield Twp., the 9th of 10 children born to Otto and Adriana (Beck) Westrick. She graduated from Battle Creek Central High School before marrying Virgil Archer on November 20, 1948. The two raised their family on the family farm, where Katie enjoyed crocheting and maintaining the household.

Katie is survived by her children, LuAnn Klont, Gerald (Sandy) Archer, Lawrence (Janet) Archer, Carolyn (Paul) Haas, Charles (Suzanne) Archer, Scot (David) Archer, and Donald Archer; daughter-in-law, Linda Archer; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 54 years, Virgil; sons, Robert, Kenneth, William, and Carl “Joe” Archer; son-in-law, Rodney Klont; grandson, Andy Archer; her 9 siblings; and her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Katie’s family at visitation and funeral services. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Visitation will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care. Friends and family are asked to share memories of Katie on her Tribute Page at [www.](http://www.)

PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## West Carmel Cemetery

5016 Carlisle Highway  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Funeral Ceremony

SEP 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
807 St. Mary Boulevard  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Katherine L. Archer



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 03, 2019 at 04:02 PM

SC

What a beautiful tribute to Aunt Katie. She was loved by so very many.

Sue (Carron) Cheney - September 04, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 05, 2019 at 02:19 PM

CW

“ Sending our condolences to the entire Archer family. May Katie rest in peace.



Chad & Carol Walker - September 04, 2019 at 11:18 AM

NT

“ Dear Aunt Katie,  
We will miss you dearly. Our loss is heaven's gain! I'm certain there was a huge homecoming for you with Uncle Virgil, your boys, and brothers and sisters. I'll bet you are dancing today, just like you did when you first met Uncle Virgil!  
Nancy and Kevin Tuckey

Nancy Tuckey - September 03, 2019 at 06:26 PM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 03, 2019 at 03:56 PM

CW

“ That beautiful smile was contagious along with her quick wit and humor which always tickled me! I loved your Mom. She was always such a delight to talk with! My deepest condolences dear Archer Family ❤️

Char Whitson - September 03, 2019 at 03:12 PM

KS

“ *She was such a delight. I had the pleasure of doing her nails for her granddaughter's wedding. She decided she would continue to come after the wedding and we would chat even long after the manicure was done.*

*She would always bring to me some of her crocheted hangers, that I still use today. We talked often if Virgil, and she shared many of her childhood memories. I will truly miss her beautiful wit and smile.*

*Keeping your family in my heart and prayers.*

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**Korie Spitzley** - September 03, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Katherine L. Archer.*



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September 03, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Katherine L. Archer.*



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September 03, 2019 at 08:38 AM

KC

“ KC Cudney lit a candle in memory of Katherine L. Archer



KC Cudney - September 03, 2019 at 07:12 AM

RF

“ Robin Hunt, Don & Sandy Fisher purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Katherine L. Archer.



Robin Hunt, Don & Sandy Fisher - September 02, 2019 at 07:25 PM

CL

“ I was so glad that I got to come up and see Aunt Katie about 3 years ago. We had a wonderful time visiting her. I treasure all the crochet hangers that she made for us and a special handmade quilt that she gave to me. she was such a friendly, kind, down to earth, lady and will be missed!

christopher L - September 02, 2019 at 12:26 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sally Ripley - September 02, 2019 at 10:42 AM

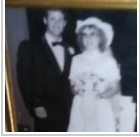


“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine L. Archer.* ”



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September 02, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“Katie was our friend for over 13 years, we meet her sitting at Quali Dairy drinking her coffee, and eating a sour dough donut. So there is where our friendship began. Every weekend we would be their visiting, having great talks.

She would invite us over too her house , and show the beautiful afghans she had made for all her grand children., Lots of work, and love was put into those afghans, they just were perfect. She showed us the ribbons that were won at the fair. Katie had pictures of every one that she had made. Really enjoyed seeing all those Through out the friendship we found that we knew family, and friends in common. Such as Marietta Ripley was her good friend. And so my husband added he also gathered out too the Archer farm for family/ and friend gatherings. He (Kevin) my husband also rode horses with some of the son's. This was when the boys were in Jr. high.

We would always enjoy a visit with Kaite, love going too see her, such a sweet smile, and had great talks about the past.

Always when we went to visit at hope's landings, she would make sure her book would be written in,, so she could go back and refresh her memory who had been there. When we would leave she would always give a hug, and small kiss on the cheek, and often asked if we had one of her crochet pot holder and or a crochet hanger . Kaite a wonderful sweet , never negative woman , which we called OUR best friend she made our lives better having to have known her.

Kevin and Sally Ripley

Barb Carter

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Sally Ripley - September 02, 2019 at 10:38 AM

VM

“ I met Katie for the first time not long after my husband and I were married 55 years ago. We were both born and raised in Battle Creek and her family and my husband's family knew each other. Come to find out, the house we bought out on Kalamo Hwy. was one that she and Virgil rented for a time. We were only a mile apart when they lived on Carlisle Hwy. Our kids went to school with Scot and Don and Carolyn was one of our babysitters. Katie came with Rita Skidmore and myself as a cook for 7th grade camp one year and it was then that I came to know her even better as she relayed stories of her kids and their growing up on the farm. Some years ago she became a part of our coffee group who met once a week at each others homes. Once when I hosted she noticed the potholders I was using and asked if I made them. I told her no but I really liked them and they were getting pretty thin. She reached down into her purse and pulled out 2 newly made potholders for me. I smile every time I think about that as if it were normal to carry around potholders. She often shared her crocheted hangars with our group and so I have quite a few of those handy hangars which I love. Her talent for crocheting was with her up to the end as she continued to make lap throws with the same precision she has always had. Two weeks ago our coffee group made lunch and took it to Hope Landing for a get together with the ladies out there. It was mostly for Katie so she would still feel involved. I have a picture of her on that day and I'm so delighted that it was taken. Katie had the most unassuming demeanor and was always fun and easy to talk with. I will miss her but I know she has been welcomed into heaven by Virgil and their sons. Virgil probably asked her what took her so long. Rest in peace dear friend, you deserve it.

Virginia Mooney

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Virginia Mooney - September 02, 2019 at 05:08 AM

SA

“ *Best mother-in-law ever. God Speed mom! love & hugs*

Suzanne Archer - September 02, 2019 at 12:36 AM

KV

“ *Kelly Vermillion lit a candle in memory of Katherine L. Archer*



Kelly Vermillion - September 01, 2019 at 06:39 PM

KV

“ *Chuck Jerry and the rest of the family, my heart breaks for all of you. She was such a lovely woman so glad that I got to know her and all of you. My deepest sympathies and prayers are with you.*

Kelly Vermillion - September 01, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Katherine L. Archer.*



September 01, 2019 at 10:00 AM