



## Judy Archer

April 17, 1948 - March 28, 2026

Judy Ann Archer, 77, of Ottumwa, Iowa passed away on March 28, 2026, at home surrounded by the comfort of the place she loved. She was born on April 17, 1948, in Ottumwa, the daughter of Elmer and Grace Bennett Newland. She held a special place in her family as the only sibling to be born in a hospital – a detail that always made her story unique from the very beginning. Judy graduated from Lancaster High School, Lancaster, Missouri, in 1966. On August 1, 1969, in Downing, Missouri, Judy was united in marriage to the love of her life, John Burton Archer. Together they built a life centered on family and love - they were blessed with three sons. John passed away on June 5, 2019.

Judy dedicated many years of her life to her work as a USDA meat inspector working at the Excel Meat Plant in Ottumwa where she was known for her strong work ethic. After years of service Judy retired and focused on the many hobbies she enjoyed.

Outside of work, Judy found joy in the simple and meaningful moments of life. She loved gardening and canning her produce, baking holiday cookies, and especially knitting. She generously gifted many baby afghans to family and friends – each one a handmade expression of her love. Judy also enjoyed bird watching and spending quiet time watching a good mystery movie. She will be remembered for her steady presence, caring heart, and the love she shared

so freely with her family.

She is survived by her children, Bryan Archer and his wife, Mindy, of Fremont, Iowa, Darian Archer and his wife, Brandy, of Hastings, Nebraska, Sam Archer of Ottumwa; seven grandchildren, Taysha Holland, Tyler (Ashlyn) Archer, Austin Archer, Cory (Leaha) Archer, Baylee (Nathan) Wagamon, Taylor Archer, Johnathan Archer; ten great-grandchildren, Senner, Raelyn, Morgan, Kaylee, Ariaah, John, Hudson, Sofia, Kohen, Hazel, and another due this month – each of whom brought her immense pride and joy. She also leaves behind her faithful companion and beloved dog, Elmer, who was always close by her side.

She was preceded in death her parents; husband; two brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 3, 2026, at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Jim Ratliff officiating. Burial will be at the Barker Cemetery in Scotland County, Missouri. Visitation will begin at noon on Thursday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to St. Croix Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Barker Cemetery

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
(641) 664-3421  
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation with Family Present

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
(641) 664-3421  
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Archer.*



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March 31 at 10:01 AM



“ *Chris keebler and Ruth Riley purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Judy Archer.*



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**Chris keebler and Ruth Riley** - March 30 at 02:22 PM



“ *Judy was a great gal. I have many memories of her John and the boys at the Batavia ballpark. John was the coach with Jr Howard and Judy never missed a game. To her family and friends sorry for your loss. Together they raised great men!!!!*



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**Theresa Dovico** - March 30 at 09:36 AM



“ *Aunt Judy always made my dad Charlie Mc Goldrick the choc mayonnaise cake-no frosting. She always had a smile and big hug for everyone. Love to you all. 🤗 hugs Teresa Adams & family*

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**teresa adams** - March 29 at 05:36 PM

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*Judy was our cousin/sister, and closest neighbor on the farm. She holds a special place in our heart and in our memories. Love to all her family that meant so much to her. Susan Howard*

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**SUSAN HOWARD** - March 31 at 09:35 AM