



Archibald "Archie" Willard Thompson

June 9, 1954 - November 2, 2021

Archibald ("Archie") Willard Thompson passed away on November 2, 2021 at the age of 67 near his home in Memphis, TN. He died of natural causes from previously undiagnosed cancer.

He is the son of the late Walter David Thompson Sr. and Rachel Jones Thompson. Archie is survived by his spouse, Judy Delasho Thompson; his stepchildren, Kate Brasher, Emmy Delasho, and Will Delasho; the mother of his children, Brenda Johnson Thompson; his children Jon Jeffries, Justin Thompson, and Chad Thompson; and 7 grandchildren.

Archie was preceded in death by his brother Walter Thompson Jr. and is survived by his siblings Frank Thompson, Robert Thompson, and Virginia ("Ginny") Warriner.

Archie's childhood was shaped by the apple and pear orchard filled land where he grew up and he often fondly recalled the many adventures in fields and woods that surrounded the property. Fishing with his family and catching their dinner if they were lucky. As he grew into his high school years he cultivated his artistic talents and enjoyed success on the football field as he earned all-conference offensive lineman as a tackle in 71-72. In college, Archie continued to play football on the club team and joined the Kappa Alpha Order where he enjoyed membership throughout his life. He graduated from

the NC State University Design School and worked at the family lighting business before building a career in the furniture industry. A well-respected professional in the furniture industry, he served on the AWFS board for 20+ years and climbed to the post of AWFS president for a fully allowed term before stepping down from the board. The AWFS community and annual trips held a particularly special place in Archie's heart, providing wonderful memories with close friends across the nation.

A quiet and kind man, Archie expressed his many loves through his artistic talents and he leaves behind a collection of poetry, woodcrafts, and art that will be cherished by those who will remember him. While much of his art was heartfelt and shared privately among friends, Archie made a tradition of painting and professionally publishing a Christmas card each year for his many family, friends, and coworkers.

Archie met his first wife, Brenda Johnson Thompson as a coworker at his father's company before spending 32 years in marriage and raising a family together. Life and career brought Archie to Tennessee where he joined Mid-South Adhesives (now Spectrum Adhesives) where he had many close friends and colleagues. While in Tennessee, he met Judy Delasho Thompson and shared 9 years of marriage. He built many memories with their children and grandchildren as a loving, caring, provider and "Papa".

In his final years, Archie was making plans to retire on family land in Chapel Hill, NC on land with pears, peach trees, and grape vines. This is where his final remains will be buried and his heart will reside in Orange County.

A memorial service will be held in the Rotunda at Memorial Park Cemetery on November 12th at 1pm.

Memorial Park Rotunda

5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN 38119

(GPS Coordinates: 35.107572, -89.872355)

A private family remembrance celebration will also be held in NC.

Excerpt from "Looking back"

As I look back

Through this life I've lived

I find no other day or time

I would want to change or alter.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Archie was a wonderful friend, and I enjoyed our phone conversations, several times a week.
We all will miss him very much.
My deepest sympathy to his wonderful, loving family and friends.
Dennis Seeley

Dennis Seeley - January 22, 2022 at 12:01 PM

TS

“ The CP Adhesives Div. of Spectrum purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Archibald "Archie" Willard Thompson.



The CP Adhesives Div. of Spectrum - November 09, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Archibald "Archie" Willard Thompson.



November 08, 2021 at 10:40 AM

YF

“ Your CPL and LP family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Archibald "Archie" Willard Thompson.



Your CPL and LP family - November 08, 2021 at 10:31 AM

LL

“ LINDA & DON LANNING lit a candle in memory of Archibald "Archie" Willard Thompson



LINDA & DON LANNING - November 06, 2021 at 05:35 PM

RE

“ I too had the privilege of working with Archie for the past 13 years and I am going to miss him greatly. He was a loyal and dependable employee, a fierce advocate for his salesmen and customers and one of the most knowledgeable and talented people I have ever known. Despite all this, his greatest attribute was in his quiet and humble demeanor and the way he always put others before himself. The world would be a much better place if there were more “Archies” around. Rest it peace my friend.

Ray Evans - November 05, 2021 at 02:03 PM

TW

“ I fondly remember my days of working ain the office of Butch Mfg with Archie, Beejay, & Walter. They were all so good to me when I got married & when my Chad was born. I reconnected with Archie & Beejay ten years later as they were customers at video store I managed. Great people!! Love & hugs to all of the family & friends with deepest sympathy.



Tilly Welker - November 05, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Archibald "Archie" Willard Thompson.*



November 05, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *I am saddened to hear of Archie's passing. I still have a wooden blue bird Christmas ornament that he gave me when he was in my English class at Southeast Guilford. I will never forget him. I'm praying for strength and peace for all who loved him.*

Myra Meadows Blackburn - November 04, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working closely with Archie for 13 years. He always had a great attitude and smile on his face. He worked tirelessly for all of our customers and salesmen, dedicated to his job. He loved his family and his grandchildren, he will be truly missed and irreplaceable here at Spectrum Adhesives. My prayers go out to his family and friends. God Bless You All.*

Rick Thomas - November 04, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *The greatest times with ARCHIE is when he was sharing story's about his family and events that took place it always brought a smile to his face and mine as well.*

Dale Stump - November 04, 2021 at 12:57 PM