



Violetta B. Archer

April 16, 1918 - April 4, 2020

VIOLETTA B. ARCHER, born April 16, 1918 in Philadelphia, PA to Annie and Allan Bancroft, went home to be with the Lord she loved and served on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

She was the widow of John S. Archer, who predeceased her by 45 years. She is also predeceased by her parents and a brother, Douglas Bancroft.

She is survived by her niece, Carol Bancroft, and several great nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Archer left Philadelphia in 1965 and moved to Sarasota when she married the late Mr. Archer.

She was a long time member of Southside Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for more than 25 years. She also was a faithful attender at Grace Baptist Church and then at the Chapel at Sunnyside Village. Prior to coming to Florida she was a member of the Fellowship Church in Philadelphia where she taught Sunday school for more than 25 years and also served on the Missionary Committee.

Mrs. Archer and her husband were also members of Gideon International which distributes Bibles to schools, hospitals and the military. She was a

graduate of the Philadelphia Biblical University located in Langhorne, PA. Mrs. Archer formerly worked in a real estate office, for Friehofer Bread Company and the American Store Company's home office all in Philadelphia, PA.

Mrs. Archer moved to Sunnyside Village in 1995 and was a member of the Sunnyside Singers and Chime Tones. She also volunteered her time in the Village Store and on the Sunshine Committee.

Burial will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

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“Dear Carol

We, as a family, were wondering about Aunt Vi - as we had not heard from her for some time. I spoke to my daughter, Janine Mayes, and she decided to look up the internet and found Aunt Vi's Obituary. My wife Jean and I are very sorry to learn of her passing. She was a lovely Christian lady and was always for way in which to serve her Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. We have pleasant memories of the times when Uncle John and she visited Northern Ireland. Jean and I spent a short holiday with Aunt Vi when she was living in the mobile home many years ago. Both she and Uncle John were members of Gideons International, as we have also been for over 30 years. Aunt Vi was very devoted to Uncle John and missed him greatly, but it did not diminish her trust in God in the slightest. Carol - I thought you would be interested the significance of Uncle John's middle name - (Simpson). His father, Josiah Chancellor Archer's first wife was Ellen Simpson (an only daughter) and they lived on his wife's farm. Ellen died of ill health and they had no children. Josiah's in-laws, Mr & Mrs Simpson, encouraged him to re-marry. He later married Dorothea Mack and they continued to live on his first wife's farm. Ellen's father and mother (Mr & Mrs Simpson), treated Josiah's second wife, Dorothea, like a daughter and they regarded the 8 grandchildren, from Josiah's second marriage, as their own grandchildren. So Josiah & Dorothea decided to include the name of Josiah's first wife (i.e. Simpson) as additional Christian names for 2 of their children, namely, Uncle John Simpson Archer, who was the eldest - born on 4th July 1891 (died on 23rd August 1975). The 7th child was named Deborah Simpson Archer.

I trust you will experience God's comfort at this time and into the future. (John14: 1 - 4)

Assuring you of our thoughts and prayers.

Sam McEwen

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P.S My wife Jean had a severe stroke just over 6 years ago and has been in a Private Nursing Home ever since. Thankfully she is content and well cared for."

Sam McEwen - April 20, 2020 at 03:50 PM

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“*Dear Carol, my wife Gen and I were very sad to learn on Aunty Vi's passing. We offer our sincere condolences to you and other family members.*

We were surprised to learn of her date of birth, living to a right old age.

Aunty Vi was a lovely Christian women, whom we got to know quite well during a couple of visits to Northern Ireland to meet up with Aunts Sarah and Deborah. We also on one occasion were pleased to spend a couple of days with her in Sarasota in late 90s. We also enjoyed her letters around Christmas each year. I sometimes would phone her and was speaking to her just over a year ago. She took a great interest in the family connections over here and as a result we felt that she was very much part of the extended family. We have some lovely memories of our times together.

Be assured of our sympathy at this time of loss.

Wishing you God's blessing and comfort.

John McEwen

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John McEwen - April 20, 2020 at 10:32 AM