



## Charlene J. Archer

August 29, 1931 - September 17, 2025

Charlene J. Archer, age 94, of Normal, formerly an area resident, passed away Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at McLean County Nursing Home in Normal. She was born August 29, 1931 in Kankakee, the daughter of Wilfred Olsen & Alma Ziemer. Charlene married Edward Archer in 1968 in Pontiac. He preceded her in death in 1982.

Charlene was raised by her grandmother, Minnie Ziemer. She lived at McLean County Nursing Home for 14 years. Everyone there said how much she was loved and will be missed. Charlene did not miss a chance to play BINGO. She loved dining out, her favorite place was Pizza Ranch. In her younger days, she loved to dance. Charlene won first place dancing the jitterbug. She also loved to country line dance.

Surviving are her children, Bobby Van Gilder (Debbie Oltman) of Bloomington, Barbara (Leonard) Scanlon of St. Charles, MO, Bertha (Thomas Jr.) Crowell of Detroit Lakes, MN, and Harold Van Gilder (Sallie Bronk) of Lake Odessa, MI; nine grandchildren, Jeremy Fosdick, Michael Van Gilder, Lisa Sprandel, Robbie Van Gilder, April Crowell, Thomas Crowell Jr., Anthony Van Gilder, Andrew Van Gilder, and Kelly Norton; and two great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Edward Archer, Charlene is preceded in death by her parents; her grandmother, Minnie Ziemer; daughter, Betty Otten; and five half brothers and sisters, Josephine VadeBonCouer, Ronald Martin, Kathleen Norton, Donald Martin, and William Martin.

Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until the time of the 1 p.m. funeral service

on Friday, September 19, 2025 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.  
Interment will follow at Aroma Park Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Aroma Park Cemetery

Sandbar Road  
Aroma Park, IL 60910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bob, Barb, Bertha and Harold...our sympathy for you in the loss of your mother. My memories of your mom are of her coming to visit you at SCH all those many years ago! She impressed me in that she visited so often and always gave little gifts of some sort of candy to you! Hugs and Prayers for each one of you!*

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**Dan and Norma Grieser** - September 18, 2025 at 07:49 PM