



Odessa Archer

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Odessa Torrence Archer, 93, went home to her heavenly father on October 3, 2025. A North Carolina native, she was born December 22, 1931, and grew up on Main Street in Davidson, just a few doors down from the beloved church she attended her whole life – Davidson United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her three children: Richard Gregory Archer and his wife, Betty, of Concord; Ronald Lee Archer of Huntersville; and Susan Patricia Archer of Huntersville. In addition, she is survived by five grandchildren: Richard Archer, Jr. and his wife, Rosemary, of Kannapolis; Allan Archer and William Archer, of Mooresville; D.J. Gates, of Rock Hill; and Lilly Gates of Charlotte. She was blessed with three great-grandchildren: Ella Rose Miller, Kalila June Archer and Nina Odell; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 70 years, Jack Withers Archer; parents, Conrad Graham Torrence and Rosa Lee Gant Torrence; and sisters, Bettie Torrence Smith and Elizabeth Torrence Alexander.

Odessa grew up in Davidson, the oldest of three sisters. She was Valedictorian of her high school class and graduated from the Woman's College of UNC Greensboro studying accounting. She married her high school sweetheart, Jack Archer at Davidson U.M.C. on August 12, 1951.

Odessa was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, friend and neighbor. Her greatest joys were her family and her church. Odessa loved decorating and construction. She and Jack built several houses together in Hickory and completely remodeled Odessa's childhood home in Davidson. She would often redraw the plans to reflect her vision. Odessa also expressed her love by cooking for her family. She and Jack would have large gatherings at their house after church on Sunday.

Her children would like to extend their gratitude to the staff of Arbor Ridge at Huntersville, Amada Senior Care and Via Hospice of Charlotte who lovingly took care of Odessa.



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A graveside celebration of Odessa's life for family and friends is to be held at Mimosa Cemetery on South Street in Davidson on Friday, October 17, 2025 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Jim Humphries officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Senior Ministries, Davidson U.M.C., P.O. Box 718, Davidson, NC 28036.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.




Events


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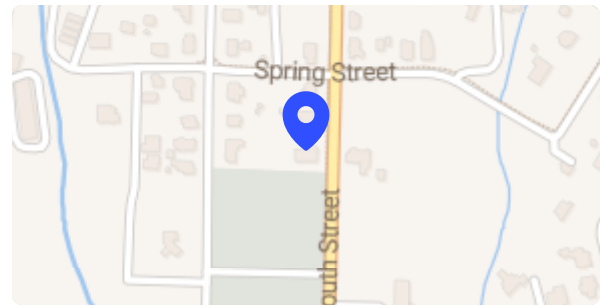
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Graveside

 **Friday**, October 17, 2025

 2:00 PM ET

 **Mimosa Cemetery**
518 South Street, Davidson NC 28036





Tribute Wall

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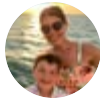
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Love, Holly And Tammy sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Archer family.



October 15 at 12:18 PM



Stacey Moser lit a candle in honor of Odessa.



October 10 at 7:09 PM



Connie Morris posted:

I met Odessa at arbor ridge where my parents lived for a short period of time. When my mother passed, Odessa sat with my dad while they waited for their food. She was the sweetest lady and always so positive. So sorry to hear of her passing. Prayers to her family.

October 9 at 9:20 PM



Lindsay Forster-Pritchard lit a candle in honor of Odessa.



October 8 at 8:44 PM



Lindsay Forster-Pritchard posted:

While I've known Great Aunt Odessa for my entire life, my most recent and fondest memory is when she and Susan visited our garden center to search for the perfect piece of garden art to display in front of her Main Street home. She was looking for the perfect piece that represented her and her two sisters. We wandered for a bit and all talked for a bit, and then she found it! She was so excited! When I offered to help her lift it, she said, "no, I got it, Lindsay!" This was a solid piece of concrete! Needless to say, we helped her to her car, but I never doubted her strength to move this memory from our garden center to her home, by herself. I feel so blessed to have shared so many moments with her, Great Uncle Jack, Great Aunt Liz, Great Mamaw Torrence, and everyone in between. ❤️

October 8 at 8:35 PM



Tribute Wall

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J B shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



October 8 at 5:23 PM



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My mother, Marie Delinger Black, and Odessa were best friends since the first grade. They are reunited in heaven now.



October 8 at 5:21 PM



Desiree Utterback lit a candle in honor of Odessa.

Ms. Odessa was truly a woman before her time. Getting to know her while she was a resident of Arbor Ridge, was such a blessing. I will always have dear memories of the time we spent together.



October 8 at 2:22 PM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Archer family.



October 8 at 1:57 PM



Robert Gates posted:

Simply put Odessa was the best person I have ever known. I will miss her for the rest of my life.

October 8 at 11:19 AM



Drew Alexander posted:

I loved the Sunday lunches at Odesa's. Everyone was always welcome, but she had one rule. If you didn't go to Church, you don't get to eat. Those Torrence girls could really cook. Love you Odesa! The Sisters are together again. Rest in Peace.

October 7 at 9:45 PM



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Drew Alexander lit a candle in honor of Odessa.



October 7 at 9:41 PM



Von Jazbec lit a candle in honor of Odessa.

My sweet Odessa, if you knew Odessa, you loved Odessa. She was a bright light that showered God's love to everyone she met. She continually gave kindness and expected nothing in return. She was one of our very first residents at Arbor Ridge and she had the most beautiful apartment. She would allow us to show it to anyone taking a tour, welcoming them in as if she knew them. She had a heart of gold and is now walking the streets of gold with her Lord. I look forward to seeing her again one day. Love and miss you sweet Odessa.



October 6 at 10:44 PM



Sherri Petrilli lit a candle in honor of Odessa.

I am so blessed to call Odessa my friend! She has been such a kind friend to my mom at Arbor Ridge and we will miss her!!! Odessa was always the gracious, faithful, southern "Steel Magnolia", who inspires me to work to be the same!



October 5 at 10:16 AM



Niki Bryant lit a candle in honor of Odessa.

"Let go and let God" Odessa's advice she gave to me. I will miss you sweet friend. Niki Bryant



October 4 at 1:34 PM



Jennifer Hill posted:

Ms. Odessa had the nicest room at Arbor Ridge.

October 4 at 11:56 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Odessa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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