



Archie Eugene Workman

October 2, 1946 - September 6, 2024

Archie Workman of Ham Lake, MN passed away unexpectedly on September 6, 2024. He is survived by spouse, Sue, of 56 years of marriage and their four children, Sean (Debbie) Workman, Big Lake; Corey (Jill) Workman, Plymouth; Jason (Angie) Workman, Zimmerman; and Heather (Tom) Schultz, Ham Lake. He is also survived by grandchildren, Derreck Kempf, Alyssa (Josh) Regorrah, Brittany Schultz, Aiden Schultz, Jacob Schultz, Olivia, Charlotte and Sawyer Workman.

Archie was born in what he always referred to as "the holler" of Seth, West Virginia to Katherine and Preston Workman. Coming from a family with four siblings, he learned at a young age that patience and sharing were important, and he carried this through his entire life. At the age of six, Archie moved with his family to Elyria, OH where he graduated from high school. While Archie loved to bowl, his passion was baseball. He had the opportunity to join the minor leagues as a catcher but instead he decided to join the Air Force where his love of flying soared.

During one of several duty assignments in the Air Force, he was stationed at the Bomarc anti-craft missile site in Duluth, MN where he specialized in Electrical Power Distribution. He also met Sue at the tri-state fair during his stay in Duluth. He then went on to Kansas City for further training before heading to Phu Cat Air Force Base in Southern Vietnam, assigned to the Red

Horse Squadron. His assignment was to keep the power on at the base while it was being constructed. He was extremely proud to serve his country and cherished the friendships he made. Archie enjoyed attending the Red Horse Reunions and was looking forward to the upcoming event. His knowledge of power distribution brought him to his career at Onan Company (now known as Cummins Power Generation) in Fridley, MN where he spent the next 42 years until he retired.

After his honorable discharge, he married Sue in 1968. Archie spent his parental years busy between baseball (even coaching), band, softball and chauffeuring the 4 kids and "adopted" kids to various events throughout the years. He spent much time teaching his sons about cars and working on engines. Which only became a problem when the motor was missing from the lawnmower and leaving no way to mow the lawn.

In early 2011, Archie retired to "hold babies" as he welcomed two more grandchildren. Allowing more time to spend with the older ones and more grandbabies to come. He was often found saying, "I love snuggling my grandkids" with a huge smile on his face. Any chance he had, he spent time fishing, attending sporting events or supporting his grandchildren.

Archie's remembrance will be held on September 20th, 2024 at the Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625 located at 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 from 3-5pm.

In Lieu of flowers, please donate to the Wounded Warrior Project or plant a tree in his honor.

Tribute Wall

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“ As part of our Air Force and Red Horse family I'll always remember Archie as being willing to help and being a big smiling huggable Teddy Bear. Will miss at our gatherings but have him and Sue in our thoughts. Lee Maynard

Lee Maynard - September 13, 2024 at 03:01 PM

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“ Archie always impressed me with his problem solving skills. So many memories of bringing automotive repair questions to him to get a solution. This was in a time long before you could watch Youtube videos. We had two options if we wanted answers back in the day. Go to the library and hope to track down a Chilton's manual or just spend a few minutes with Archie. You could usually find him in his arm chair near the top of the stairs in his living room ready to dish out knowledge. I was always fascinated with his methodical answers. Archie often surprised me with his reaction to our shenanigans with a calm problem solving demeanor instead of getting angry like I would have expected from most parents. Corey, Jason and myself gave him every opportunity to wring our necks but he usually just laughed it off. When I was 16 years old, for some reason we got into a conversation about always keeping your eyes on the road when driving. He said there is only one exception. I couldn't guess what it was. He said when you change lanes what is the first thing you are supposed to do? I said, "Look over your shoulder." He just looked at me and smiled. To this day, 34 years later, EVERY time I change lanes when driving, and look over my shoulder, I always think of Archie. He was a good man and I was honored to know him and consider him a friend. Thank you for everything Archie.

Joe Hoglund - September 13, 2024 at 11:40 AM

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*Arch liked to problem solve anything, a great person to have known.
Will be missed RIP ARCH.*

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