



Rudolph "Lefty" Amann

September 12, 1924 - June 12, 2023

Rudolph "Lefty" Amann, 98, of Bald Knob, AR passed away on June 12, 2023 following a brief illness.

Rudolph was born on September 12, 1924 to Peter Isidor Amann and Lula Genettie Clark of Weiner, AR. Rudolph is preceded in death by his beloved wife Patsy Ruth Grady Amann, a son Steven (Marilyn) Amann as well as older brothers Ivan and Alvin Amann. He is survived by a twin brother Ralph Amann of Fort Wayne, IN as well as a daughter Susan (Tim) Amann Edwards, sons Bryan (Dan), Eric (Liz) and Jeff, 8 grandchildren Johnny Brinkley, Jonah (Jaime) Brinkley, Joel (Tiffiney) Brinkley, Lucas Amann, Leanne Amann, Lindsay (Matt) Amann Adams, Jordyn (Marcus) Amann Pate, Sydney Amann, 7 great grandchildren Ashtyn (Chad) Ratton, Colby Brinkley, Keenan (Morgan) Brinkley, McKenzie Brinkley, Mason (Ashtyn) Brinkley, Chloe Brinkley, Kyah (Drew) Brinkley and 1 great great grandchild Baylon Brinkley.

Rudolph Amann was born into humble surroundings at home on his family farm just outside of Weiner, AR. His father could count on his sons to help work the land and care for the animals, but Rudolph also took his education seriously and was a graduate of Weiner High School in 1942. Rudolph felt a need to do his part in the war effort and enlisted into the US Army Air Forces at Arkansas Camp Robinson in 1943. His Radiomen, Mechanic and Gunner training on B-17 and B-29 bombers occurred in Sioux Falls, SD, Yuma, AZ, and many other locations around the US. At the conclusion of WWII, Rudolph's military service ended in 1946. The GI Bill was instrumental in the

ability of many young people to further their education and Lefty was no exception. He was very proud to be able to continue his studies in Physical Education at Arkansas State College in Jonesboro. Lefty excelled in sports, specifically baseball, where he pitched for the ASU Indians. After graduation in 1949, Lefty's baseball career would continue for a couple of years as a pitcher in the Chicago White Sox farm club system for the Seminole, OK 'Oilers' of the Sooner State League as well as the Hot Springs 'Bathers' of the Cotton States League. Rudolph decided to settle down with his growing family and pursue a coaching and school administration career. After one semester at Hickory Ridge HS, Lefty accepted a position of Coach and Asst. HS Principal at his hometown school in Weiner, where he proudly served for 13 years. In 1962 Rudolph accepted the role of school Superintendent at Grubbs, AR, where he would remain from 1962-1966. In 1966 Rudolph took his wealth of knowledge and talents to Bradford, AR, where he served as school Superintendent for 17 years. During his tenure, several new buildings were added to the school's campus. After a brief retirement, Lefty would return to Bradford to spend 5 years as the elementary school Principal, and was honored with a new school library bearing his name. Rudolph was a proud veteran, an extremely gifted athlete, an education advocate, and a respected public servant, but above all, he was a dedicated family man.

Rudolph has donated his time and efforts to an array of local organizations in the community, including the Lions Club, American Legion, White County School Board Association, and Senior Olympics. He was a longtime active member of the Bald Knob United Methodist Church. Rudolph's hobbies included golfing at the Bald Knob Country Club, where he and Pat were members, and was an accomplished songwriter.

Visitation begins at 1PM followed by funeral service at 2PM on Friday, June 16 at Powell Funeral Home, 1272 Hwy 367 North, Bald Knob, AR 72010 501-724-3201. Interment to follow at Shady Grove Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob – Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)
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Funeral Service

JUN 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rudolph "Lefty" Amann



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 17, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Rudolph "Lefty" Amann



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 16, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ Margaret Davis lit a candle in memory of Rudolph "Lefty" Amann



Margaret Davis - June 16, 2023 at 07:45 AM

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“ Lorie Maczko & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rudolph "Lefty" Amann.

Lorie Maczko & Family - June 15, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rudolph "Lefty" Amann.



June 15, 2023 at 12:05 PM

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“ Mr Amann was very special to me during my years as a member of both the Jr and Sr High girls basketball team at WHS. He was kind, caring, and compassionate and never lost sight of the fact that he was a role model for so many impressionable young minds at WHS over the years. He taught his teams the importance of being the best they could be and helped them learn to handle disappointments when they fell short. I have so many fond memories of those years.
Sending love and prayers to his family during this time of pain and grief. Praying for God's peace on each of you

Joann Romine Howell - June 15, 2023 at 06:22 AM

JE

“ Rudolph "Lefty" Amann was an amazing man. He excelled at so much. Most of all he excelled as a husband, father, friend, but more than anything a Christian. He loved his church so much. Bald Knob UMC was so lucky to have he and Pat as members.

Jane Ellis - June 14, 2023 at 11:16 PM

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“ Will never forget this great coach and wonderful man. He and Susan were so loved in Weiner. Class of 1960 was honored with his presence at our 50 year class reunion.. Pat McBride (Ernestine Mack)

Ernestine McBride - June 14, 2023 at 10:32 PM