



Amaziah Pilcher Burdorf

December 7, 1932 - December 1, 2020

Amaziah Pilcher Burdorf, loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend, age 87, of Leesburg, Florida, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, with family by his side. Mr. Burdorf was born December 7, 1932, in Ft. Gaines, Georgia, to Edward and Opie (Fain) Burdorf.

He attended Leesburg High School, in Leesburg, Florida, graduating in 1950, and continuing his education at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where he was a defensive end on the team. After attending for one year, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he continued living his dream of playing football. Unfortunately, he sustained an injury, which honorably discharged him from the service.

He then began working alongside his dad, Ed, where he learned the construction trade and served his community as a construction superintendent and master carpenter until he was well into his 70's. You cannot drive through Leesburg without seeing something he has built through the years. His work ethic, attention to detail, and spirit of excellence is reflected in everything he did.

He enjoyed coaching flag football, as well as umpiring Little League baseball, which he did for over 30 years. He loved building model airplanes, working on building projects around the house, cheering on the Gators, eating at Sonny's

and Wolfy's, and serving Jesus.

Pilcher is survived by daughter Karen DeBay (Bruce), daughter Barbara Smith (John), daughter Linda Cook (Mark), and their mother Carol Burdorf, as well as step-son Terry Gilligan (Lisa), step-son Tim Gilligan (Alicia), step-daughter Cindy Hanks (Greg), step-son Donnie Dickson (Tiffany), and step-son Eric Dickson.

He is also survived by a number of grandchildren: Sean DeBay (Krista), Abra Coulson (Jay), Hannah Wilnau (Greg), Sarah Bowersox (Travis), John Nathan Smith (Eva), Emily Cook, Chad Cook, Jessica Wylie (Reid), Adam Gilligan (Norma), Brian Gilligan (Chelsie), Lee Gilligan (Katie), Alyce Youngblood (Chris), Joshua Gilligan, Greta Green (John), Gabe Gilligan, Joanna Dezelan (Matt), Allison Keegan (Mike), and Brooks Dickson.

His surviving great-grandchildren are Jaxon DeBay, Gavin Whaley, Kelbie DeBay, Dallas Abbott, Denver Abbott, Dayton Abbott, Isa Coulson, Ethan Coulson, Alden Coulson, Adalie Coulson, Taylor Wilnau, Ella Bowersox, Braxten Matz, Penelope Cook, Hattie Wylie, Alice Wylie, Natalyn Wylie, Willa Gilligan, Thea Gilligan, Nolan Gilligan, Chapman Gilligan, Gavin Gilligan, Cora Gilligan, Grace Gilligan, Jenna Joseph and her father Shannon Joseph, Michael Keegan III, and McKenna Keegan arriving in April.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Edward and Opie Burdorf, wife Joan Burdorf, and wife Peggy Dickson, as well as grandson Jason DeBay, who leaves behind his widow Whitney Preuninger.

Arrangements are with Beyers Funeral Home at 1123 W. Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020, followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, 1901 County Road 25-A, Leesburg, FL

34748.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following:

- Kindred Hospice - Ocala, 1320 SE 25th Loop, Ste 101, Ocala, Florida 34471.
- Leesburg Recreation Department - Sponsorship/donation opportunities to the youth sports program at 1851 Griffin Rd., Leesburg, FL 34

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Amaziah Pilcher Burdorf*



May 11, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the extended Burdorf family.*

Pilcher is remembered by all who knew him as a champion in each of life's missions. When I was a young underclassman he was introduced to me as 'THE MAN' on the ball field which he demonstrated on every play. He remains an iconic tutor in my life.

Godspeed Pilcher.

Bunky Standridge

L. Pierce Standridge - December 07, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ *Linda Gail and family- I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. Know that he's resting peacefully now and that you're in my thoughts and prayers.*

Nancy Tucker - December 06, 2020 at 08:48 AM