

# DR. STUART LESLIE "LES" AMES



Age 95, of Sarver, passed away Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Concordia Lutheran Ministries, Rebecca Residence, in Allison Park. Les was born in Derbyshire, England, July 6, 1928, to the late Cynthia (Bown) and Frank Ames.

Les was employed as a Research Engineer at Allegheny Ludlum Research Center (now ATI) for 38 years, retiring in 1997. He concentrated his career on inventing specialized ferrous based, silicon, and titanium alloys that could perform well at elevated temperatures, as well as coatings to further protect the strength of these alloys. He was awarded numerous patents for his work.

Les was involved in his Sarver/Freeport community over many years. He continued playing in local bands and often provided piano accompaniment for community talent shows and concerts. Les was the President of the Freeport Area Little League and very active in the Freeport Band Boosters. He served as a judge for the Freeport Area School District Science Fairs. Les loved photography and was frequently asked to be the photographer for community and school events.

Les is survived by his wife of 68 years, Joan L. (Buckler) Ames and two daughters, Philippa Toncini Ames-Friend (Rod) and Barbara Ames-Meneilly (Brad). He was preceded in death by his son, Richard L. Ames.

Much loved grandchildren include Devon Toncini Vorse (Christopher), Adam Toncini (Melissa), Blaec Toncini (Zari), Ian Meneilly, Owen Meneilly, Kyle Friend (Wendy), and Morgan Friend Warfel (Toby). Grandad was the anchor of the Ames family and will be sorely missed by them all.

Great-grandchildren include Avery Vorse, Isaac Vorse, Elijah Vorse, Oscar Vorse, Elisa Toncini, Asher (Stuart) Toncini, Harper Toncini, Layana Toncini, Vivienne Friend, and Willow Friend. These children will be told stories and shown photos of their Grandad so that he will continue to live in their hearts and minds.

Stuart "Les" leaves behind loved family members in the United Kingdom and treasured friends here in the United States.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the **CURRAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES**, Leechburg.

Interment will be private. Memoriam has been established and donations may be made, in loving memory of Les Ames, to the Butler-Freeport Community Trail, P.O. Box 533, Saxonburg, PA 16056.

For a more detailed obituary, or to send an online condolence to the family, please visit:

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