



Tevis W. "Tev" Laudeman Jr.

September 28, 1924 - November 27, 2018

Tevis W. "Tev" Laudeman, Jr., age 94, passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, November 27, 2018.

Tev was born on Sept. 28, 1924 in Lexington, Kentucky to the late Tevis W. Laudeman and Betty McDaniel Laudeman. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth McClain Laudeman in 2000 and a sister, Frances (Frankie) Lee Johnson of Lexington, Kentucky in 2011.

Tev is survived by a daughter, Betty Cash (Ralph) of Princeton, Ky.; a son, Robert Laudeman (JoAnn) of Louisville; four grandchildren, Emily Cash Kolter (John David), Heather Cash Gleason (Tommy), Alex Laudeman, Wes Laudeman; and four great grandchildren, Ayden Kolter, Lily Kolter, Everett Kolter and Tommy Gleason, Jr. He is also survived by a niece, Candy Mullins (Jeff) and several cousins.

Tev lettered in basketball at Lexington Lafayette High School for Maurice Jackson before Lafayette had any other sports. He played for the Lafayette Generals when they won the state championship in 1942. He played amateur baseball for the Lexington Thoroughbreds and played on the team when they won the State Intermediate Championship in 1941. He also played baseball at the University of Kentucky for Harry Lancaster and Frank Moseley. He was a member of the UK Varsity Letter Association – the K Club.

Tev was a World War II veteran, a former Air Force pilot, and a retired major in the Air Force reserve. He owned a plane for 25 years (as of 2012) after early retirement in 1986 as a sports writer from the Louisville newspapers.

He was a newspaperman for 37 years, the last 26 with the C-J and Louisville Times, primarily with the Times. For about 10 years, starting in 1965, he wrote for the C-J and the Times when the two newspapers merged their sports departments.

Tev covered UK basketball for 20 years, including the last 13 of coach Adolph Rupp's teams and seven of Joe Hall's, including the 1978 national champions. Tev wrote a book about UK basketball, *The Rupp Years*, published by the C-J and Times in 1972. It also ran as a series in all editions of the Times and in all but the Louisville editions of the C-J. He covered three No. 1 UK ranked teams – the 1965-66 Rupp's Runts, which lost the NCAA championship game to Texas Western; the 1969-70 team, for which Dan Issel set the all-time one-season scoring record, and Joe Hall's 1977-78 team, which beat Duke for

the NCAA title in St. Louis.

He also covered some University of Louisville basketball. The exact sequence was: after the 13 years with Rupp he was switched to University of Louisville basketball for a year before returning to the UK beat for seven years. UK by then was coached by Rupp's successor, Joe B. Hall. Then it was back to U of L basketball and Denny Crum for a couple of seasons, including a trip to the Final Four in New Orleans in 1982.

He noticed that when Marvin Gay died, his obit reported that he covered some UK basketball in the 1960s. He didn't. Marvin covered U of L basketball and UK football. Tev covered UK basketball and mostly U of L football. Over the years, Tev covered U of L football at various times during the regimes of four coaches – Frank Camp, Lee Corso, T.W. Alley and Bob Weber. He did cover some UK football, primarily Fran Curci's teams, including his 10-I squad of 1977. He also covered UK some during Charlie Bradshaw's regime.

After coming to Louisville in November of 1959, Tev covered the old Louisville Colonels triple-A baseball team for three seasons before it folded in 1962. Before that he covered Big Ten football and basketball of Purdue University, and triple-A baseball in Indianapolis, where he worked for eight years for the Indianapolis Times. Prior to that he was sports editor of the Portsmouth, Ohio, Times for three years, from August of 1948 to August of '51.

He managed youth baseball teams for 13 years in St. Matthews. Two of the all-star teams he managed won state championships – 11-12-year-old Little League in 1966 and 16-18-year-old Babe Ruth baseball in 1973. Tev believed he was the only manager in Kentucky to have state champs in two major categories.

He took a special joy in a feat by one of his pitchers, Dan Gadlage, in the 1966 Little League season. After Tev worked with the 12-year-old even before the team started practice, Gadlage pitched perfect games his first two starts of the season and struck out 33 of the 36 batters he faced. Tev thought the pitcher deserved great credit for his hard work to improve on an already proven ability.

After the 1966 Little League title, St. Matthews didn't win the state again for 25 years.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018 at Pearson's Funeral Home, 149 Breckinridge Lane, Louisville, Ky.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 at Pearson's Funeral Home followed by internment at 12:30 p.m. at Lexington Cemetery.

Cemetery

Lexington Cemetery

833 W Main street
Lexington, KY, 40508

Events

DEC **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pearson Funeral Home
149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

DEC **Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tevis W. "Tev" Laudeman Jr..



December 03, 2018 at 08:04 AM



“ "Tee" Sorry I didn't get to see you before you left. We had many great cousins lunches over the last 10 years or so, missed you a lot the last few. You were an amazing man, pilot, and writer.
Earl McDaniel

Earl Mc Daniel - December 01, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ Mr LAUDEMAN was a very kind man who I respected very much. He loved baseball and I enjoyed being a member of the 1973 St Matthews team.
Barry Muller

Barry Muller - November 30, 2018 at 07:48 PM



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Pearson Funeral Home - November 29, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ Truly a great man. His coaching style was ALWAYS positive and on point. I played many years for Mr. Laudeman. He gave me a passion for anything baseball. Happy Trails my friend.

Dan Gadlage - December 01, 2018 at 07:22 AM