



*In Memory of*  
**Everett Adrian Lively**  
**February 14, 1925 - July 12, 2015**

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Everett Adrian “Buddy” Lively, whose fastball took him out of a farm in rural Gardendale, Ala., and into the Major Leagues, died on Sunday, July 12. He was 90.

A visitation will be held at Valhalla Funeral Home in Huntsville, Ala., on Thursday, July 16 at noon followed by the service at 1 p.m.

Born February 14, 1925 in Birmingham, Ala., Lively’s pitching arm was strengthen and trained as a child by his father, Jack Lively, who had pitched for the Detroit Tigers in 1911. Buddy Lively signed his first baseball contract in 1941 at the age of

16. His fastball got him a spot on the Birmingham Barons, a farm club in the Southern Association owned by the Cincinnati Reds.

He entered military service with the Army in 1944 and was transported to Europe on the Queen Mary on December 17, 1944. He arrived in Glasgow, Scotland and soon crossed the Channel to France. Lively, as part of the 597th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, advanced through France, Belgium and Holland with General Patton's Third Army. His three-gun battery was subsequently assigned to the British 2nd Army and as a result Lively missed the Battle of the Bulge.

He returned from military service in 1946 and was signed by the Cincinnati Reds for \$5,000. In 1949, he had an operation to address a shoulder injury. He never returned to the majors. He finished his career in the International League in 1955 at the age of 30. In 1960 he went to work for NASA where he worked until retiring in 1984.

Mr. Lively was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 52 years Mary "Mimi"

Lively, his parents Henry Everett "Jack" Lively and Minerva "Minnie" Jeffers

Lively, and brother John Henry Lively.

He is survived by brother Frank Pruitt Lively of Huntsville, nieces Laura Lively Charlton (Lynn) of Huntsville and their children Tyler Lively Charlton and John Cary Charlton, Dianne Lively Yost (Patrick) of Madison, Ga. and their children Zachary Everett Yost, Grace Elizabeth Yost and Harrison Frank Yost, a nephew Richard McColly of Port Charlotte, Fla., and his children Amy McColly McCabe and Dawn McColly Richa.

Mr. Lively was surrounded by caring neighbors for whom his family is

sincerely grateful.

### Visitation

**Thursday, July 16, 2015 | 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM**

Valhalla Funeral Home

698 WINCHESTER RD NE, HUNTSVILLE, AL 35811 | 2568528500

**Driving Directions**

### Funeral Service

**Thursday, July 16, 2015 | 01:00 PM - 12:00 AM**

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**Driving Directions**