

Henry McKee Lively

A family only interment service for Henry McKee



Lively was held at Restland Memorial Park, Saturday, January 25, 2003. A memorial service for family and friends was also held at Bentwood Trail Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 25, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Cynthia Weeks Logan and the Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Currie, Jr. officiating.

Honorary Pallbearers were Carl D. Lively, Dr. Dennis Lindsey, Tommy Coleman, Royal Kelley, William H. Lively, Jr., David Alan Lively, Lance Robert Lively, Dr. Robert K. Portman, Dr. Thomas W. Currie, Jr., Williams C. Everitt, William H. Lively, Robert D. Lively, John Edward Lively and James Keeton Lively.

Henry McKee Lively, age 83, of Dallas, passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2003. He was born in Houston County, on April 29, 1919, to William J. and Ruby M. Lively of Percilla. He graduated from Grapeland High School in 1937 where he was

named class salutatorian. In 1940 he graduated from Sam Houston State University with a teaching certificate and was appointed band director and later principal at Groveton High School, Groveton, Texas. There he met and later married Mary Alice Keeton of Bonham, Texas to who he was married for 61 happy years. A month following the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he was assigned to Officer's Candidacy School at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. After graduation from OCS, he received the designation of First Lieutenant. He was honorably discharged in 1946. He came to Dallas and entered the life insurance business where he worked effectively for 53 years as an estate planner for countless grateful clients, many of whom became close friends. During his long career, he earned the distinguished professional credential of Chartered Life Underwriter and later taught this curriculum gratis to other professionals for nearly a decade. He also earned many awards and honors including a Life Membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable and election to the position of President of the Dallas Estate Planning Council. At the time of his retirement in 1999 his peers in the life insurance industry regarded

him as a true living legend. He was a faithful husband and a loving father to four sons. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of many professional associations, a former president and life member of the Oak Cliff Lion's Club, a member of Bentwood Trail Presbyterian Church and a member of Brookhaven County Club, where he was fond of saying that he only played golf on days that ended in the letter "Y". Henry McKee Lively was a man who loved life so passionately and with such sincerity that those privileged to experience his spirit were consistently inspired to believe that any problem could be solved and that life was good. One of his favorite phrases was "great day in the morning" and this expression was emblematic of his perspective on everything. To him, every day was great and every person he met was worth knowing and deserving of his uncommon kindness. He will be greatly missed. No wife ever had a better husband and no four sons a finer father.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Lively of Dallas; his brother, Carl Donald Lively of Lufkin; four sons, William Henry Lively of Dallas; Robert Donald Lively of Austin, John Edward Lively of Wewoka, Oklahoma and James Keeton Lively of Dallas; seven grandchildren; and two great grandsons.