

Lively, Kenneth



Lively, Kenneth Eugene Born on October 28, 1925 in Bloomington, Indiana to Ruby Leiter Lively and William Paul Lively, Ken died in Dallas on November 26, 2009. At age 18, he flew B-52 missions as tail gunner over southern Europe during World War II. He returned to graduate from the University of Texas and stayed in Austin working as editor of Texas Parade Magazine and Southwest in-flight magazine until 1999, when he moved to Dallas. Survived by his wife of 52 years, Joanne (Jan) Kemp Lively, sister, Sue Buchanan (William) of Lewisville, brother, Don Lively (Lollie) of Austin, step daughter, Phyllis Toler Van (Steve) of Dallas, step son, Phillip Kemp Toler of Austin, granddaughter, Kristen Mitrakis (Nick) of Stamford, CT, and grandson, Robert Kyle Green of Dallas; great-grandchildren: Colby Green, Carson Green, Clay Green and Katie Mitrakis; six nieces and one nephew; and last-but not least-his beloved Wheaton Terrier, Smitty, who visited him regularly during his four month battle with brain cancer. Ken was talented and disciplined. He read voraciously (reading within 27 pages of finishing Ulysses shortly before his death!), was an accomplished jazz piano player, loved all sports-especially the Texas Longhorns, successfully traded stocks, studied Spanish and did his daily push-ups until his illness was diagnosed in July, 2009. Ken's dry wit and journalist's thirst for information will long be remembered. He was the quintessential gentleman and scholar. For those who would like to make a donation in Ken's honor, he was a diligent supporter of Straydog, Inc., P.O. Box 1465, Gun Barrel City, TX 75747 (www.straydog.org).