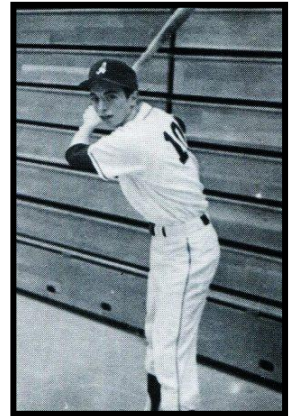


## HAROLD MASSIE

Harold Massie's introduction to organized sports occurred when he appeared in a youth baseball game as a pinch hitter for Temperance. Growing up in that rural community offered few opportunities for other organized sports, but a supportive and competitive extended family helped Massie develop athletic skills early in life.

He attended Amherst County High School and became a 3-sport all-star, with at least one district championship in each, under legendary coaches: Tom Berry, Allen Campbell, John Seal, Don Thompson, Gerald Thomas, Jim Procopio. One basketball team became a state semi-finalist.



At Lynchburg College, again with Coach Thomas, he excelled both as a student and as a baseball player. His years in baseball coincided with some of Thomas' most successful, when the Hornets won three Dixie Conference championships. He was named All-Conference three times, All-Region once, and was conference leader in home runs as a junior, team leader in RBIs as a junior, and co-Most Valuable Player as a senior.

His college baseball memories include a starting position in baseball for all four years, plus an 8-for-8 performance in a doubleheader, game-winning RBIs in an NAIA district tournament game, and two doubles in an exhibition against the Lynchburg Twins of the Carolina League. One summer was spent with the Charlottesville Hornets of the semi-pro Valley League.

During and immediately following college, Massie worked in sports related fields as Sports Information Director at LC, and sportswriter for the Lynchburg News. He also assisted Wayne Proffitt in coaching basketball and Gerald Thomas in baseball. His sports background enabled Massie to excel in a U.S. Air Force training exercise where he came in first among 250 officer trainees.

Harold Lloyd Massie, Jr. – May 28, 1951

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Youth: Baseball -- Temperance (1957-63), Pony League (1965), Colt League (1966-67), Connie Mack (1969)
- ACHS: Football – 8<sup>th</sup> grade (1964), JV (1965), varsity (1966-68), district championship (1967), captain (1968), MVP (1968); Basketball – 8<sup>th</sup> grade (1964-65), JV (1965-66), varsity (1966-68), district championship (1966-67), Most Improved (1967-68), district championship, regional championship, state semi-finalist, captain, MVP, all-district first team (1968-69); Baseball (1967-69) – district championship (1967), batting average leader (.428), undefeated district championship (1968), captain, MVP (1969)
- Lynchburg College: basketball (1969); baseball (1970-73) – All-Conference, Dixie Conference championship (1970), All-Conference, team-leading RBIs, conference leading home runs, conference championship (1971), All-Conference, All-Region, team captain, co-MVP, conference championship (1973)
- Professional: Valley League semi-professional baseball, Charlottesville "Hornets" (1970)
- Coach: Baseball – Pony League champions (1976); LC (1977-78), ODAC champions, #1 NCAA Div. III ranking entering post-season; Basketball – LC assistant (1976-78), top 25 national ranking, NCAA Div. III