Willard Nixon

Born in Taylorsville, Georgia June 17, 1928 - Died in December 2000...Played nine seasons in the big leagues with the Boston Red Sox from 1950 - 1958...Compiled a 69-72 career mark with 51 complete games and nine shutouts... Posted winning won-loss records in five seasons...Won double-figure games in 1954 (11), 1955 (12) and 1957 (12)...Became known as the "Yankee Killer" for beating the famed New York club six consecutive times during the 1954-55 seasons...Proved to be a fine hitting pitcher with a lifetime average of .242 and 111 hits...Batted .289 in 1951, .293 in 1957 and .294 in 1958...Starred two years at Auburn University posting a 10-1 mark...Was offered a professional contract by the Detroit Tigers after graduation from McHenry High School (Rome, GA), but chose Auburn instead.