



Harold Laverne Livesay

July 28, 1932 - April 17, 2026

It is with both sadness and profound gratitude for a life well-lived that we announce the peaceful passing of Harold Laverne Livesay, who left this world with dignity and grace on April 17, 2026, at his cherished home surrounded by love. Born on July 28, 1932, in the quaint town of Wolf Lake, Illinois, Harold's life was a testament to service, hard work, and unwavering dedication to family.

The beloved son of John and Helen (Hale) Livesay, Harold grew up with a strong sense of duty and devotion that would guide him throughout his life. After graduating from Shawnee High School, he joined the United States Air Force, serving valiantly as a radio operator during the Korean War. His service to his country was one of his proudest accomplishments.

On November 25, 1950, Harold married the love of his life, Evelyn Maxine Orr, in Reynoldsville, IL. Together, they built a life filled with love and laughter, raising five children on a farm gifted to them by Evelyn's father. Their partnership was a beautiful testament to enduring love. Even after Evelyn's passing, Harold continued to cherish her memory, keeping her photographs and letters close.

Harold was a man of many talents. He began his career at Bunny Bread, but his passion for electronics led him to open Livesay TV Sales & Service in

Anna, later expanding into Anna Appliance Center. His entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to his craft were evident as he taught and employed his brother Edwin. Never one to rest on his laurels, Harold also pursued a career in real estate, managing rental properties with the same diligence and care he applied to every venture.

A man of simple pleasures, Harold embraced a lifestyle ahead of its time. His commitment to organic gardening, grinding flour, and raising animals was not just a hobby but a way of life that he passionately shared with his family. He found joy in the quiet moments— bike riding with his son Mark and brother Loyce, target shooting, walking the farm, and of course, tinkering in his shop. His hands were always ready to help those in need, and his heart was steadfastly devoted to his family.

Harold was a faithful member of Jonesboro Baptist Church.

Harold is predeceased by his wife Evelyn Maxine Orr Livesay, their son Mark Alan Livesay, his parents John and Helen, his brothers Loyce and Edwin, and his sister Wilma Stroehline. He leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish his memory: his children Phillip (MaryBeth) Livesay of Benton, Cheryl (the late Elmer) Valleroy of Benton, Susan (Dale) Kinder of Jonesboro, and Harold Steven Livesay of Jonesboro; his brother Keith (Jeanne) Livesay of Carterville; his grandchildren Wesley (Julie) Dunn, David Valleroy, Magen Livesay, Sarah (Ethan) Klein, Katherine Valleroy, and Christopher Livesay; his great-grandchildren Andrew (Emma) Dunn, Dallas L. Klein, Khaleeyah D. Davis, Knahdiyah D. Davis, Syllis S.F. Valleroy, Cole M. Milner, and Etta-Kate E. Milner; and his great-great-grandson Nolan Dunn.

In honoring Harold's wishes, a private ceremony will be held to celebrate his life. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time. Harold was a beloved son,

husband, brother, father, and PawPaw, and he will be deeply missed and fondly remembered for the wonderful man he was.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those who wish to honor Harold's memory consider acts of kindness that reflect his generous spirit and love for helping others. Harold Laverne Livesay leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion that will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort.* ”



Barb Clymore - April 20 at 06:08 AM

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“ *Very sorry for your loss! My husband worked for them in the 70s at the TV repair store. He loved it there. And Cheryl my prayers for you and your family* ”

Pam Gee - April 18 at 03:22 PM

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“ *Curtis lit a candle in memory of Harold Laverne Livesay* ”



Curtis - April 18 at 02:15 PM

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“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Harold Laverne Livesay* ”



Larry and Carolyn McGill - April 18 at 12:24 PM