



Thomas E. Lively

November 6, 1949 - February 25, 2026

To join the livestream broadcast of Tom's service, please select the link below. The livestream will commence at 12:55 P.M. Tuesday, March 3, 2026, and will be archived for 90 days following the service for later viewing.

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Thomas E. Lively, age 76 years, a resident of Goreville and a former resident of Du Quoin, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday evening, February 25, 2026, at 6:23 P.M. at Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky.

Tom was born November 6, 1949 in Perry County Illinois. He was the son of Archie Thomas Lively and Jane Lee (LaBrier) Lively.

On April 18, 1980, Tom was united in marriage to Sandy D. Craig in New Madrid, Missouri. Together, Tom and Sandy have shared almost 46 years of marriage.

In addition to his beloved wife, Tom is survived by: 3 children – Shane (Amanda) Clark of Goreville, Illinois, Shanda Lively and Missy Ford both of Du Quoin, Illinois; 5 grandchildren – Shale Ray Clark, Elaina Grace Lively, Austin Ford, Dylan Ford, and Cameron Ford; 5 great grandchildren – Damian, Grayson, Jocelyn, Harland, and Kamara; a brother – Richard Odell (Pat)

Lively and 2 sisters – Charlotte Keller and Minerva (Steve) Fred all of Du Quoin, Illinois; as well as a sister-in-law – Dianne Lively of Pinckneyville, Illinois; Tom also leaves his favorite baby dog – Smokey.

In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by – a sister – Cheta VanBuskirk and a brother – Archie Kyle Lively.

Tom attended Du Quoin High School. He joined the U.S. Army in 1969. He served during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Germany where he operated a tank in the German-Czechoslovakian border area. He was honorably discharged from military service on June 29, 1971.

Tom was a member of the American Legion Post # 147 in Marion, Illinois.

Tom was employed for 52 years by General Cable in Du Quoin, prior to his retirement. He is, to date, the longest tenured employee of the firm and worked as an extruder operator and later in the die shop.

Tom was a faithful Christian and was ordained by Apostolic Truth, Inc. He has formerly served as assistant pastor at the Pentecostals of Lick Creek, as well as the Dongola United Pentecostal Church and the Anna United Pentecostal Church. More recently, Tom and Sandy worshipped at the First Pentecostal Church in Goreville.

Tom and Sandy enjoyed motorcycling and were members of the “Heaven’s Angels” motorcycle club. He also enjoyed vegetable gardening.

A worship service honoring the life of Tom Lively will be conducted Tuesday afternoon, March 3, 2026, at 1 P.M. at the First Pentecostal Church, 915 North Broadway, Goreville, Illinois. Pastor Kevin Cox and Pastor Dan McKinnies will officiate.

Burial will be in the Busby Chapel Cemetery. Military graveside honors will be accorded.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 11 A.M. until the funeral hour at 1 P.M. at the church.

Contributions may be directed to the family, for future memorial designation. Checks may be made to Sandy Lively and mailed in care of Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, Illinois. Contribution envelopes will also be available at the church on the day of the service.

Cemetery Details

Busby Chapel Cemetery

IL Route 37 South
Goreville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Pentecostal Church of Goreville
915 N Broadway
Goreville, IL 62939

Service

MAR 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Pentecostal Church
915 North Broadway Street
Goreville, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas E. Lively*



Bailey Funeral Home - March 04 at 11:14 AM

DD

“ *David And Jennifer Dover lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Lively*



David and Jennifer Dover - March 03 at 10:04 AM

DP

“ *Sending our deepest condolences and our prayers to Sandy and the family, may GOD comfort you during this difficult time. With Sympathy, David & Rosa.*

DAVID PHALIN - March 03 at 09:20 AM

DP

“ *DAVID PHALIN lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Lively*



DAVID PHALIN - March 03 at 09:13 AM

AO

“ *Apostolic Truth Incorporated Organizatio purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas E. Lively.*



Apostolic Truth Incorporated Organizatio - March 02 at 12:01 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie And Gina Gunther lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Lively*



Lonnie and Gina Gunther - February 28 at 02:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Lively.*



February 28 at 02:15 PM

AC

“ *Apostolic Life Church Carbondale purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas E. Lively.*



Apostolic Life Church Carbondale - February 27 at 02:21 PM

AC

“ Apostolic Life Church Carbondale planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E. Lively.

Apostolic Life Church Carbondale - February 27 at 02:21 PM

DG

“ David Gunther lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Lively



David Gunther - February 27 at 11:54 AM

DG

My condolences to Sandy, Shane and all the family

David Gunther - February 27 at 11:57 AM

JH

“ June Hartline lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Lively



June Hartline - February 27 at 09:42 AM

DP

“ I'm going to miss him. He was my buddy. He told me that he was very Proud of me because of me getting back into the church and doing a work for the LORD and also for losing weight and for letting my hair grow out. I will always remember you Bro Lively and prayers, Love and hugs to his family. So sorry for your loss.

Dorcac Penson - February 27 at 12:48 AM

DP

“ *Dorcas Penson lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Lively*



Dorcas Penson - February 27 at 12:42 AM

JD

“ *Sandy, Shane and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.*



Jennifer Downs - February 26 at 07:00 PM

SE

Bro. Phillip Easton, God's House Pentecostal church, Apostolic Truth Inc and I are so sorry to hear this. Bro Lively will be greatly missed. His family is in our prayers.

Shari Easton - February 26 at 09:03 PM

TT

“ *LIFELONG FRIENDS and family kin, years of great memories... Greg and Teresa Tinsley...*

Teresa Tinsley - February 26 at 01:14 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Barton lit a candle in memory of
Thomas E. Lively*



Vickie Barton - February 26 at 10:52 AM