



William Edward Lively

August 28, 1930 - July 20, 2016

William Edward Lively beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away at home while working July 20, 2016. Bill was born August 28, 1930, in Louisville, Kentucky. He is the son of John and Nellie (Lane) Lively. Bill was raised in Northern Kentucky and Southern Indiana. He and his wife Millie were married in 1949 and would remain married for 67 years and were wonderful partners for one another. An Air Force veteran, Bill and Millie journeyed north to Mid-Michigan to create a better life for their growing family in the early 1950's.

His career at the Exhibit and Display division of Oldsmobile would span a full thirty years. Making their home in Potterville Bill served the community with 16 years on the Board of Education for Potterville Schools. Always a traveler, upon retirement in 1986, Bill and Millie would eventually visit all 50 states, Russia, several European Countries and Mexico. An excellent wood worker, all of his children have household items that attest to his woodworking skills. He loved all MSU Sports and seldom missed an activity of his children or grandchildren. Bill was a self-made man who brought his family out of poverty with love, dedication and hard work.

Bill is survived by his wife Mildred; four children, Maureen (John) Sorbet, Aaron Lively, Missy (Dean) Peters, and Mark Lively; Seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Saturday July 23, 2016 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the Potterville United Methodist Church in Potterville, MI. Funeral services will be held immediately following the visitation at 11:00 am with Rev. Jeanne M. Randels officiating.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Potterville United Methodist Church. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Bill's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sycamore Creek Church (Potterville)
105 N Church Street
Potterville, MI 48876

Funeral Ceremony

JUL 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ Dear Lively Family,

We are so sorry to learn of Bill's passing. Our hearts and thoughts go out to all of you. Bill was always kind and generous, and with his dear Millie, always warm and welcoming to the both of us. We will always smile to remember his sharp Dick Tracy silhouette, and his easy chuckle.

Mark Turcotte & Susan Neill

Mark Turcotte - August 05, 2016 at 07:27 AM

LR

“ Aaron, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. Lost mine last May and it was really hard. Just remember the good times growing up with him, knowing you looks like he did a great job raising his family. My thoughts and prayers are for your family. It's funny because I was thinking of you the other day. Praying for peace and healing for you and your family. (Larry Ranshaw)

Larry R Ranshaw - July 25, 2016 at 06:13 PM

JL

“ So sorry I was in Indianapolis most of last week. I will miss Bill greatly at Respiratory Therapy. I'll miss his Easter bonnet. My condolences to Millie and the rest of the family. When I got home Saturday night and was catching up on the papers I realized I had missed Bill's passing and the funeral service. God bless you as you deal with your loss.

Jim Lott

James Lott - July 24, 2016 at 01:26 PM

GR

“ As a dear friend of Mark, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Lively in their home a few years ago. I've never been to someone's home where I was treated with such warmth and kindness. After just a few hours, I bid goodbye to my new "mom and dad." That's what they call "love." Mr. Lively will surely be missed by all of his many friends and family members, myself included. My heartfelt condolences and prayers are with the Lively family now and always.

Gerry Reissman - July 24, 2016 at 12:37 AM

KH

“ *LIVELY FAMILY,
SORRY TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF BILL, OUR HEARTS,
PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU.
CONDOLENCES, FROM THE BERRYHILL CHILDREN, KATHY,
CAROLYN, KEVIN, CHARLIE.*

katherine berryhill harkness - July 23, 2016 at 03:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
William Edward Lively .*



July 23, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Edward Lively .*



July 22, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your family's loss. My sincere condolences to all of you.*

Sharon Powell - July 22, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ *I will miss my big brother. Billy I will love you always.*

Judy Pressley Billy's baby sister - July 22, 2016 at 06:52 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Edward Lively .*



July 22, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ *Maureen and Family: our sincere condolences on the loss of your father. May fond memories help sustain you and yours. Mike & Helen Cirrito*

mike & helen cirrito - July 22, 2016 at 03:47 PM

KO

“ *The thoughts of the Baldwin family are with you all. May the peace of God's love surround you at this time.*

*The family of Ron Baldwin
Kerry & Cleo, Janis & Tom, Jim & Jenny and Yon Hwa Baldwin,
Linda (Baldwin) Hills and Karen (Baldwin) Odenwald.*

Karen Odenwald - July 22, 2016 at 03:42 PM

DL

“ *Sorry for your loss. He was loved by all.*

Dennis and Beth Leonard

dennis leonard - July 22, 2016 at 02:15 PM

KK

“ *To the Family, I am very sorry for your loss. I came into the Exhibit and Display department in 1984. I had the pleasure of working with Bill, and also being taught the in's and out's of the display business from Bill. He was a Fair, Honest, and a very hard working man, that was willing to take me under his wing, tutor me, and always treated me with respect.*

It was an Honor, and a Pleasure knowing Bill, we had some great time back then, when it was fun to go into work!

Sorry for your loss!

Keith Kapanka

Keith Kapanka - July 22, 2016 at 01:17 PM

KT

“ *Missy and Dean, we are so sorry to hear the news of Bill's passing. He was a wonderful man and we loved visiting with him and Millie. Thinking of you and the family.*

Kim and Terry Torkko - July 22, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Edward Lively .*



July 21, 2016 at 01:19 PM