



Sandra F. Lively

October 16, 1935 - October 10, 2025

I was born in Lancaster on October 16, 1935 to Esther M. Sprout and Albert H. Gingrich. We lived in Green Hill near Conestoga, and I spent many wonderful summers with my Grandma Daisy Mae Sprout in Mount Joy. I attended one-room schools and the Millersville Model School, where I won the geography bee and my teacher took me for an airplane ride over our house. When our family moved to Wormleysburg, I attended West Shore Joint H.S. in Lemoyne and worked at the soda fountain at Caplan's Drug Store, on Market Square in Harrisburg. This is where I met and fell in love with a Steelton boy, John "Tom" Lively. As the song goes "they tried to tell us we're too young", but on the morning of June 5, 1953 we eloped to Hagerstown. We were married in the preacher's living room and Tom's '39 Chevy somehow got us home for my graduation that night. Tom worked in the electrical department at the Steelton Mill and I on the switchboard at the Bell Telephone. After he was drafted and served two years in the Army, we left Steelton for Harrisburg and eventually worked together at Riverside Electric. We loved leading the youth fellowship at Rockville U.M.C. and I rolled hundreds of Chocolate Eggs through the years with our many friends at Hope Presbyterian Church and Zion Lutheran Church in Dauphin; where we built our home together on Peter's Mountain. Our son Henri was born in 1971 and after he was in school I worked various jobs, my favorite as a classroom instructional aide at Sara Lindenmuth Elementary, where I truly loved working with the children until my retirement in 2000. Tom and I were thrilled when Henri married Kerry Eileen Freisen of Hershey and

we soon became “Nana and Grandpa” to Molly Anne, Ian Timothy, and Emma Clare Lively, eventually moving to Annville to enjoy many of their school activities. I loved reading, watching nature on the mountain, picking up shells on the beach, having our dear friends in, and getting all of my family together for home-cooked dinners whenever possible. My Tom went before me in 2019 after 65 wonderful years of marriage. I loved the life we made, together. A form of memory loss, probably Alzheimer's, soon stole my ability to share most of my memories, but they live “forever and a day” in the twinkle of my eye. My sister M. Jean (Gingrich) Moore and husband Ken live in Arkansas near my niece Sherry Stout (Jeff) and family (Joey, Katie, and Ben). My brother Albert Gingrich lives in Liverpool with his wife Sue (Janelle and Azure). My brothers J. Warren (Bev) and Joe Gingrich (Lily) both passed before me, leaving behind my wonderful nephew Keith (Sue) and niece Autumn. My nephews Stephen (Helen and son Max) and Jonathan (Anne) Gingrich live near Seattle. My niece Amy (Lively) Langford and nephew Andrew Lively live near Houston, along with nephew Milo Grika. My niece Jordana Grika Capra lives in Los Angeles. (The Lively family is grateful to the staff of Linden Village in Lebanon and to the entire family of care at UCC The Lebanon Valley Home in Annville for their generosity of care and support. A gravesite memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 29th at 11am in the Chapel at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, 4855 Londonderry Road, Harrisburg, when Sandy and Tom will be interred together. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Church of Christ Homes Benevolent Fund www.ucc-homes.org, and to Friends of the Annville Free Library.)

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Woodlawn Memorial Gardens
4855 Londonderry Road
Harrisburg, PA 17109