

National
Association of
Lively Families
(NALF)

Our Purpose:
...to bring together
members of Lively
families of America
and accomplish
historical research

Our Members:
Livelys, descendants
of Livelys, and their
spouses

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Historian

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Communications

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Spring 2025 Edition

May 29, 2025

85th NALF Reunion in Georgetown, KY!

Our 2025 NALF Reunion will be held **July 18–20** in Georgetown, KY. Enjoy some beautiful horse country while visiting with your near and distant kin!

Meetings will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Lexington–Georgetown (110 Grandstand Dr., Georgetown, KY 40324).

To stay at the Hilton Garden Inn, call **502-863-0099** before **July 3**. Block room choices are Standard Double Queen and Single King. Rates are \$159.00 from July 15–22. Make reservations as soon as possible! The group name is **NAL**.

For more information, visit the Reunion page on our website: livelyfamilies.org/2025-reunion.

Some nearby attractions:

- Kentucky Horse Park
- Mary Todd Lincoln House
- Ashland, Henry Clay's Estate
- Aviation Museum of Kentucky
- Kentucky State Capital Museum
- Ark Encounter (30 miles)

Keep reading for more on this year's reunion. We hope to see you there!



Minutes of the 2024 Annual NALF Reunion

July 19-21 | Gatlingburg, TN

87th Anniversary and the 84th Reunion

As recorded by Secretary Jane Lively

Friday, July 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm by John Lively, President, after the family spent time hugging the necks of cousins and distant relatives.

The group joined in saying "The Pledge of Allegiance" and in the singing of "America" led by Sarah Brinson.

John Lively welcomed us to the 84th gathering of the NALF in Gatlinburg, TN and shared information regarding local events, activities, and favorite restaurants.

Minutes from 2023 were read, approved, and accepted.

Jennifer Lively encouraged the group to share exciting news from the past year and led the group in an icebreaker.

The Communications Committee Report was given by Jennifer Lively. Motion was made, seconded, and the report was accepted.

Emailed newsletters: 121

Mailed newsletters: 155

Total: 276 (with only 39 paying dues)

Facebook group members: 535

Jennifer mentioned that future newsletters will need to be sent out via email to be more cost-effective.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Polly Lively. Motion was made, seconded, and the report was accepted.

General Fund: \$14,794.21

Memorial Fund: \$ 3,806.47

Total: \$18,600.68

The President's Report was given by John Lively.

Make sure to register tonight so that a proper count can be given for breakfast on Sunday.

Seven new names were added to the Memorial Plaque.

A discussion was had regarding how to increase attendance at future reunions. Suggestions included choosing locations that have more outside activities, inviting family members, and altering the meeting agenda.

Old Business: After a discussion regarding storage of the "Livelys of America" book, Bill Lively made a motion to dispose of the remaining books. The motion was seconded and approved. John Lively will contact Julie Unger to assist in disposal of said books. (Editor's note: Books are no longer held at Regency Storage in Virginia. The remaining books were relocated to The Burke County, GA Archives.)

New Business: John made a motion to freeze adding new genealogy to the USB due to an abundance of data that needs to be included. The date of this motion will be at John's discretion. After much discussion that motion was seconded and carried.

Committee appointments were as follows:

Resolution: Anne Pitcher

Audit: John Brinson and Russell Lively

Reunion: Denise Wright and Don Lively (Waynesboro)

Nominating: Marcie Lively

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Saturday, July 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by John Lively as the family continued to fellowship.

John encouraged family members to share memorabilia and historical artifacts with the group.

The night ended with family entertainment hosted by Jennifer Lively. Group karaoke-singing, story-telling, jokes, and solo singing were enjoyed by all.

Sunday, July 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 am by John Lively.

Wende Dickey led us in remembering those who have passed on. She also acknowledged Gloria Eberhardt who has led these memorials for the past 35 years.

Those who have left us are:

Melvin Lively, Spring Arbor, MI	10/7/27-10/6/22
Patricia Lively, Spring Arbor, MI	6/23/33-8/4/23
Ronald Lively, Powder Springs, GA	11/1/42-9/25/23
David N. Poole, Columbia, SC	3/16/56-6/1/24
Gayle Doris Meagher, Albany, GA	12/3/53-5/9/24

After a reading of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Don Lively asked God's blessing on the food. A delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all.

Recognitions included:

Oldest Present: Margaret Brinson, 94 years

Youngest Present: Camille Tripp, 4 months

Farthest Traveled: Family members traveled from as far away as Stewart, FL which was 766 miles.

Committee Reports:

Reunion: Georgetown, KY, Dahlonega, GA, and Fontana Village, NC were presented as reunion locations for 2025. After discussion and voting, it was decided to go to Georgetown, KY. Our President, John Lively, reserves the right to switch to Dahlonega, GA if pricing and packaging in Georgetown does not meet our standard.

Nominating: Marcie Lively reported that Bill Lively will act as family Historian and Denise Wright will serve as Vice President.

Audit: John Brinson reported that the books are in order and balanced out.

Resolution: Anne Pitcher read the family resolution acknowledging Hilton Garden Inn and John Lively.

State count: TN – 4, OH – 1, SC – 1, NC – 2, AL – 7, GA – 31, FL – 3 for a **total of 49.**

After gathering in a circle and holding hands, we sang "Blest Be the Tie."

Bill Lively adjourned our reunion with closing prayer.

The family then adjourned and gathered for a group picture.



*Oldest and Youngest,
Margaret Brinson with
Camille Tripp*



General Schedule of the 2025 Reunion

Friday, July 18

- 5 pm Registration Begins
- 7 pm Officer/Committee Meetings
- 7:30 pm Fellowship and Evening Meeting

Saturday, July 19

- 8 pm Family Auction

Sunday, July 20

- 8 am Breakfast Meeting and Memorial
- 9:30 am Group Picture



**Please plan to bring items
handmade by family
members or of family
significance for this year's
auction. Remember, it's
“for the family!”**

**If any officer or committee member will not be able to attend this year's reunion, please let Jennifer Lively know as soon as possible.
Thank you!**



NALF SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee hopes to award a \$1,000 scholarship this year.

Submissions are due by **June 30**. The recipient will be notified by **July 7**. Ideally, the recipient would be present at the reunion to receive the award, but a video acceptance can be arranged due to the shortened timeframe.

Instructions: Write an essay in 500–1000 words on how being a part of the NALF has impacted your life. Document at least three NALF reunions attended in your lifetime. Provide photos if possible. Attach a letter of acceptance from a trade school, technical school, college or university, or graduate school. Show proof of maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA during your most recent school term (high school or college).

Email the essay, photos, acceptance letter, and GPA proof to livelynewsletter@yahoo.com.



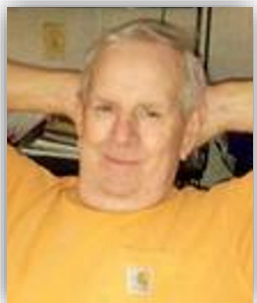
In Remembrance



Joyce Barefield Hayes, 91, entered into rest Tuesday, September 3, 2024. She was a native and lifelong resident of Burke County. She was a member of Green's Cut Methodist Church and the Sunshine Ladies. Joyce was a great cook, enjoyed genealogy, and loved tending to her flowers and garden. She was a dedicated Christian woman. She was a devoted wife of 73 years, mother, and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roger and Evelyn Barefield; her husband, Durwood Hayes; a brother, Al Barefield; and a sister, Gladys Stone.

She is survived by two sons, Woody Hayes (Sarah) of Waynesboro and Randy Hayes (Debbie) of Thomson; two brothers, Jimmie Barefield (Sally) and Johnny Barefield (Sherrie) both of Waynesboro; a sister, Elizabeth Gossett (Scott) of Waynesboro; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Ray Madison Keefer, 76, entered into rest Friday, December 20, 2024. He was born on April 22, 1948, in Carlisle, PA to the late Madison Yahn Keefer and Gladys Hippensteal Keefer. He has been a longtime resident of Burke County and retired after 36 years of transportation service as a truck driver. He was a life member of the NRA and Friends of the Hunley Organization. Ray was an avid collector of various things, a loving husband, father and very doting grandfather, and as a child he lived in several different countries while growing up in a military family.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Deana Lively Keefer of Waynesboro; two sons, David (Patricia) Keefer and Douglas Keefer, both of Waynesboro, GA; five grandchildren; a great grandchild; and one sister, Connie Balogh of Augusta, GA.



Margie Quick Lively, 97, entered into rest Monday, March 31, 2025. She was a native and lifelong resident of Burke County. She was a member of Botsford Baptist Church. Margie's sense of humor prevailed through trials and blessings. She knew the value of a dollar and the value of all her children loving the Lord. She lived her life for the Lord and her children. An open Bible was always on her kitchen table and her kitchen was always open for food and gatherings of her family. Margie loved her country, flying her flags, and always prayed for the soldiers. She was preceded in death by her parents, Josie Flakes and Joe Wheeler Quick; her husband, Keely Otto Lively, Sr.; four sisters, Pearl Quick, Mary Quick Barger, Ollie Quick Garza, and Catherine Quick Gatch; and a brother Joe Wheeler Quick.

She is survived by four children, Wheeler Oliver Lively (Mary) of Waynesboro, Keely Otto Lively, Jr. (Brenda) of Waynesboro, Geraldine Lively Hannah (Robert) of Savannah, and Cynthia Lively of Spartanburg; six grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 8 great great grandchildren; a brother, Charles Louie Quick of Jacksonville, FL; a sister, Gladys Quick Gallup of Roswell; and two sisters-in-law, Katy Lively Powell (Chester) and Margaret Brinson Lively both of Waynesboro.

A Lively by Any Other ... Tune?

Have a go at these ditties shared during the 1966 reunion in Gatlinburg, TN.

Submitted by Tim Lively

1.

Welcome Song
(Tune: Loves Old Sweet Song)

Just a song of Welcome
Just a song of Cheer,
Just to say we're Happy
That you all are here.
You'll find the latch string open,
Here's a greeting true,
And a hearty welcome
For each one of you
For every one of you.

2.

Get Acquainted
(Tune: Teppery)

It's a good time to get acquainted,
It's a good time to know
All the hustlers and all the live ones
Who are here to make things go!
Good-bye chilly shoulders,
Farewell, glassy stare,
It's a good time to get acquainted,
For the Livelys are here.

3.

That Lively Clan of Mine
(Tune: In The Good Old Summertime)

That Lively Clan of mine,
That Lively Clan of mine,
Doctors, Lawyers, Merchants all
Folks in every line.
There's one of each, but one of the best
That's why we know the Lively Clan
Is Mighty, Mighty fine.

4.

Let Me Call You Lively
(Tune: Let Me Call You Sweetheart)

Let me call you "Lively"
I'm a Lively, Too;
Let me hear you whisper
That you're glad it's true.
Keep the motto shinning,
"Best for Livelys, ALL"
What's your name, dear Lively?
We have answered to the call.

5.

The Lively Aloha
(Tune: Aloha)

Once again in fellowship we've met,
To pledge our brotherhood so true,
Lively Clanship we can never forget
As we part, may all good wishes go with you
Good Luck to you!
Good Luck to you!
The hour is through, but sing this sweet refrain
Good Luck to you! May your dreams
Come true, Until we meet again.

6.

We're Here For Fun
(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

We're here for fun right from the start.
Pray, drop your dignity,
Just laugh and sing with all your heart
and show your loyalty,
May other meetings be forgot,
Let this one be the best,
Join in the songs we sing today,
Be happy with the rest.

Dues are \$15 per adult (18 or older).
Funds assist in the NALF's genealogy
and communication efforts.

Send your check and information to:
Polly Lively, NALF Treasurer
411 Claxton-Lively Road
Waynesboro, GA 30830

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