

# CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE OF



## *Betty Jean* **LIVELY**

*Sunrise*  
July 27, 1945

*Sunset*  
June 22, 2025

Saturday, June 28, 2025  
3:00 PM

St. James AME Church  
478 West Albany Avenue  
Pearson, Georgia 31642

*Pastor Paul Thomas, Sr., Presider*  
*Bishop John A. Moss, Eulogist*



# Obituary

*The joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10*

**Betty Jean Lively** was born on July 27, 1945, in Hoboken, Georgia (Brantley County), the second child born to the late Lillie Mae and George Atkins.

In 1994, she united in marriage with the late Rudolph Lively. Their union spanned 29 years until his passing, and together they built a life rooted in love, faith, and family.

Betty devoted over 25 years of service to Baptist Village Nursing Home, where her dedication and compassion left a lasting impression on patients and staff alike. Throughout her career, she received numerous awards and certificates recognizing her excellence in care and service. Her kind heart and nurturing spirit extended far beyond her profession—she was a devoted mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend whose presence brought warmth and comfort to all who knew her.

On June 22, 2025, Betty Jean Lively was called to eternal rest. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lillie Mae and George Atkins; beloved husband, Rudolph Lively; daughter, Diana Thomas; brothers, Isaiah Atkins and Wilbur Atkins, Jr.; and sisters, Tifta Atkins, “Doodie” Atkins, and Rosetta Atkins.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving daughter, Debra Choice; and bonus children through marriage, Gloria (Allen), Rudolph (Michelle), Eddie (Trinette), Chad (Dawn), Victoria (Terrance), and Christopher (Jodie). She is also survived by her cherished grandson, Allen (Veronique); devoted sister and caretaker, Georgia Mae Reaves; sister, Evelyn Johnson; brothers, James Atkins, John (Beth) Atkins, and Calvin Johnson; sister-in-law, Ruby; brother-in-law, Leon (Doretta); a loving and devoted niece and caretaker, Tiajuana Vickers; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and sorrowing friends.

Betty’s life was one of quiet strength, unwavering devotion, and gentle kindness. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who were blessed to know her.



# Order of Service

Presider, Pastor Paul Thomas, Sr.

Processional.....Ministers and Family  
Final Glimpse  
Invocation..... Reverend Gloria Gadson  
Selection.....Prayer and Praise Ministries Choir  
Scripture Readings:  
    Old Testament..... Mrs. Martha Burch  
    New Testament..... Elder Verene Johnson  
Selection.....Prayer and Praise Ministries Choir  
Reflections.....*Please Limit To Two Minutes*  
    Anyone Desiring to Speak  
Obituary Reading.....*Read Silently, Please*  
Solo ..... Minister Kentaiwon Carter-Durham  
Eulogy ..... Bishop John A. Moss  
Acknowledgements ..... Harrell's Funeral Home

Committal Service

Benediction

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## *Pallbearers*

Tony Core  
Malcolm Jones  
Michael (Coolie) Joyner  
Willie C. McCray, Jr.  
Levertis Vickers  
Tarryl L. Vickers

## *Interment*

Oak Grove/Crossroads Church  
Cemetery  
411 Crossroads Church Road  
Pearson, Georgia 31642

## *Acknowledgement*

*In the midst of our sorrow, when the weight of our loss felt too heavy to bear, we looked up and saw the love and support of our friends and family surrounding us. Through flowers, cards, comforting words, and heartfelt gestures, you stood beside us and helped lighten our burden. We are forever grateful for your kindness, prayers, and compassion during this difficult time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, as we will keep you in ours. God bless you all.*

*The Family*

## *Professional Services Entrusted To*



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## *Poems*

*To my mother in heaven, thank you for always loving and guiding me. Even though you are no longer here with me I can still feel your love guiding me. You are forever in my heart. I love you and miss you dearly.*

*Dear Ma,*

*Though your smile is gone forever, and your hand I cannot touch, I still have many memories of the one I love so much. Your memory is my keepsake with which I will never part. God has you in his keeping.*

*I have you in my heart.*

*Sadly, missed but never forgotten.*

*Love You, Debra*

## *Sisters*

*A sister is a precious treasure,  
Her love and kindness  
knows no measure.  
She laughs your joys and weeps your  
tears, the bond grows stronger through  
the years. She knows your ups; she  
knows your downs. She knows your  
smiles; she knows your frowns. Your  
secret she holds just like a treasure,  
she builds your confidence with  
pleasure. No matter how low, she helps  
you rise; no matter how sad, she makes  
you smile No matter how deep, she  
shares your pain,  
Remember it's just a sister thing.*