

Lori Lively  
September 30, 1965 – June 3, 2024

Lori Lively of The Woodlands, Texas, passed away on June 3, 2024. Lori Helen Lively was born on September 30, 1965, and was joyously adopted by Hayne Marcus Fussell and Vergie May Fussell in Stockbridge, Georgia. By the grace of the Lord, the family would later move to Texas.

As a young girl she enjoyed swimming, fishing, and all manner of outdoor activities. She served as a lifeguard for many years at the local pool in Oak Ridge, Texas. She met her lifelong partner and future husband Richard Neal Lively in Spring, Texas on April 2, 1983. Seeing in each other kindred spirits and like minds, they married in Tyler, Texas on November 1, 1983. Through thick and thin, they supported each other, even as she entered service with the United States Air Force on November 25, 1986. She was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Unexpectedly, but happily, she discovered she was pregnant with her only child, Joshua, who arrived on August 7, 1988. After leaving the Air Force, she went to college to obtain the education and certifications necessary to achieve her lifelong goal of practicing as a Registered Nurse, a position she would hold for the next fifteen years. Her efforts touched thousands of people.

Those who knew her even in passing would not be surprised that she always chose the more exciting paths in life, to include obtaining employment with Kellogg Brown and Root overseas, on a forward operating military base located in war-torn Baghdad, Iraq. She would serve for 3 years as a Material Logistics Coordinator, and quickly gained a reputation for performing her duties with the same consummate professionalism and focus she applied to all areas of her life.

She never balked from putting in the effort, often taking unpreferred shifts at work, diving into the messy but necessary parts of the job, always without losing her resolve. In her later years, her entrepreneurial spirit and endless initiative saw her founding her own business, which at the end of her life provided technical and logistical support to hundreds of companies across nearly the entirety of the state. She was strong in every sense of the word and was fiercely loyal to and protective of her friends and family, never retreating from a challenge or setback. She was always available to provide a helping hand, advice, or her time and attention. Lori was a dedicated, lifelong caregiver; it was second nature to her, and for that her entire family is deeply thankful.

She knew what she wanted out of life and sought it with vigor and determination. When she became a grandmother in 2017, she embraced the role wholeheartedly, even going as far as to move to Austin, Texas, to share the burden and the joy of childrearing with her newly expanded family. She did all of this despite her own health challenges, along with a then-fledgling business.

Her family misses her terribly. Lori was pre-deceased by her brother James; she is survived by her parents, her husband, her son, and her two grandchildren, Daniel and Sarah.