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Gertrude Hillman Lively was born September 14, 1891, in Dennis, Massachusetts, the daughter of Reverend John L. and Elizabeth Howes Hillman. Her father was later a member of the then Pittsburgh Conference. Mrs. Lively received her A.B. from Allegheny College in 1911. For four years she taught Greek and Latin in high schools in Ohio and Iowa.

On June 18, 1915, she married Reverend Horace Thomas Lively, who died April 15, 1968 (see memoir in Western Pennsylvania Conference Minutes for 1968). Four sons were born to them: John H. Lively, now professor of philosophy at Boston University; Horace T. Lively, Jr., now a surgeon in Nashville, Tennessee; William H. Lively, presently with the Job Corps in Portland, Oregon; and Henry C. Lively, a manufacturer, Granville, Ohio. There are sixteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



For Mrs. Lively much of her life revolved around the Methodist connection: her father, her brother, her husband, and two sons were Methodist clergymen. She shared in her husband's ministry, making her own distinctive contribution to home and church and community. From 1920 to 1926, Dr. and Mrs. Lively served as Methodist missionaries to China. Prevented from returning to the mission field by civil war in China, she and her husband settled down in 1928 in Meadville, Pennsylvania, where for 28 years Dr. Lively

served Allegheny College as professor of philosophy.

During these years, she not only raised four sons but presided with grace over a home in which entertainment of her husband's students and colleagues was a constant feature. For several years Mrs. Lively served as manager of the College bookstore. One year she was pressed into service as lecturer in Greek. In addition, she was for a time chairman of the Crawford County Cancer Society campaign. She was active in the Women's Literary Club of Meadville.

After her husband retired from Allegheny College in 1956, they moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where in 1965, they observed their 50th wedding anniversary, which their four sons and their families and many friends joined in celebrating. Mrs. Lively continued to live in Nashville after her husband's death in 1968. In 1975, she moved to McKendree Manor, a United Methodist retirement home in nearby Hermitage, Tennessee. It was here on February 22, 1978, that she died.

A memorial service for Mrs. Lively was held on February 25, 1978, at Belmont United Methodist Church in Nashville, of which she was a member. It was conducted by her sons, Dr. John H. Lively and Rev. William H. Lively. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Kaaren Lively Riker, sang. Mrs. Lively's body was willed to Vanderbilt University Medical School.

John H. Lively