

Chauncy Lively



Chauncy K. Lively (1919 – 2000) was born and raised in Pennsylvania where he attended college, and met his wife to be, Marion Aiken. Although he was degreed in both science and psychology from Waynesburg College, his real love was music. He directed his college's dance band, and later toured the country with the Larry Funk Band. During the early 1940's he was a band leader in the military. After the war ended he returned to Pennsylvania where he worked for many years as a music arranger for radio and television. With the dying out of the big bands, Chauncy, eventually changed professions, moving into insurance and mortgage banking until his retirement in 1974. He and his wife Marion then moved from Pennsylvania to their new retirement home on the lower North Branch of the Au Sable River, here in Michigan.

Chauncy was first introduced to fly fishing by his mother. In the early 1950's he and his wife would often vacation in Michigan, fishing with his friend Paul Young. A life long friendship developed and the Lively's often traveled with Paul Young to fish rivers in Pennsylvania as well.

Chauncy Lively was a world class fisherman, a creative and innovated fly tier and excellent photographer and a serious student of aquatic insects. He published a book in 1980 entitled "*Chauncy Lively's Flybox*". He was a member of TU, the FFF and a board member of the Anglers of the Au Sable for 13 years. He wrote articles for the Pennsylvania Angler, American Fly Tyer and the Riverwatch.

Chauncy has been immortalized in several Pennsylvania museums. Somehow, I don't think they will mind sharing him with us here in Michigan. His wife Marion passed away in 1995 and Chauncy passed away in February of 2000, at the age of 81, due to complications from pneumonia.

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