



Thomas H. Crawford

October 22, 1931 - November 1, 2018

Thomas H. Crawford, 87, of Louisville passed away Thursday, November 1, 2018.

Thomas was born October 22, 1931 in Louisville, Kentucky to parents Tom and Margaret Crawford.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda,; parents and sisters(Maxie Kirk and Pat McCoy).

He is survived by his daughter, Sherri Gary (husband Jerry) and son Tom Crawford (wife Mindy). grandkids, Nicole Greenwell, Lindsey Axson, Chris Gary (Tiffany), Alyson Thibodeaux (Josh), Logan Crawford, Bryce Crawford; great grandkids, Allen Greenwell, Aubrie Axson, Lendon Gary.

He was a graduate of Manauel High School and he was a veteran of the U. S. Navy. After his naval service he attended the University of Louisville where he earned a B.S. in Chemistry in 1961.

In 1961, Dr. Crawford joined the faculty at UofL in the Department of Chemistry teaching in the area of general and inorganic chemistry. He's served as a spokesman for the American Chemical Society and, for more than 25 years, he provided a traveling chemistry show geared to promote science. An estimated 100,000 people in a variety of settings K-12 schools, colleges and universities, and civic and church groups have seen the show.

Dr. Crawford served as Director of the Louisville Region Science Fair, and he was instrumental in putting together the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Louisville in 1997. He is also co-founder of the Kentucky

State Science and Engineering Fair.

Dr. Crawford served as chairman of the chemistry department for three years, and as the Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (1973-74), Faculty Associate, Office of the President (1975-77), Assistant Executive Vice President for Administration (1977-79). Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (1979-83), Acting University Provost (1983-84) and Associate University Provost (1984-98).

Among his many other achievements, Dr. Crawford received the Kentucky Association Environmental Award, the UofL Alumni Association Order of Merit Award, and the UofL Alumni Association Red Apple Award for Excellence in teaching. He served on many community boards and committees, including 18 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Christian Church Homes of Kentucky and serves on the Metro Louisville Ethics Commission. Upon his retirement from the faculty in 1998, Dr. Crawford was named Professor Emeritus.

He was an active member, teacher and elder of Shively Christian Church for 40 + years and more recently attended the Southeast Christian southwest campus.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 Monday at Shively Christian Church 1822 Kendall Lane with entombment in Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be 1:00 – 8:00 P.M. Sunday at Owen Funeral Home 5317 Dixie Hwy. and after 9:30 A.M. Monday at Shively Christian Church.

The Family would like to thank Dr. Michael Driscoll, Dr. Carmel Person, Dr. James Bosler & the staff at Symphony at Valley Farms for their kind and caring hearts.

Memorial gifts to Hosparus of Louisville.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

4400 Bardstown Road
Louisville , KY 40218

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

NOV 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM.

Shively Christian Church

Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM.

Shively Christian Church

Tribute Wall

EM

“ Tom & Sherry,
Your dad was my freshman chemistry teacher at UofL in 1966-1967.
He ignited an interest and love of chemistry in me that burned
throughout my careers. He remained one of my favorite teachers.
Ed Maloney

Ed Maloney - November 06, 2018 at 11:08 AM

NS

“ Tom was a special person in my life. I will never forget him or
Wanda. His devotions were always touching and brought me closer
to the good Lord. His whole family was special and loved by
everyone.

Nelma Shipp - November 04, 2018 at 07:57 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Thomas H. Crawford.



November 03, 2018 at 07:41 PM

LS

“ Tom was such an influence in my life. I loved when he gave a devotion or words of wisdom before the sermon. His voice and his words held my attention. I also did not know about Wanda, I loved her at church camp , she acted up with us 😂😂😂 , I also remember her playing first base on the softball team, as I was pitcher. She was a hoot . I grew up with Tommy , but knew Sherri as well , my 🙏🙏 go out to the whole family . Love and miss you all xo

lynn little Stewart - November 03, 2018 at 09:31 AM

PL

“ There are never the right words for a time such as this. Tom, your father (and mother) were positive influences in my life and so many others. I pray for you and your family as you adjust to this life without him, though we all rejoice in imagining what he is doing right now!

Penny Lucas - November 03, 2018 at 08:07 AM

TV

Sherri and Tom your Mom and Dad where such important part of my teens years. The influence they had in our youth group. Shively was blessed to have them. Your Dad touch so my life's. Thank you for your Dad's Leadership as a Elder. Good and faithful servant. Tresia Veech

Tresia Veech - November 03, 2018 at 08:49 AM

AK

I loved your dad. He was so funny and clever. He made learning so much fun if it was about God's word or science. I know many people will miss him. Such a strong christian man who loved the Lord.

Aleta Kennedy - November 03, 2018 at 10:12 AM

PB

David and I loved listening to his teachings in our Sunday School Class, The New Class, at Shively Christian. No other Sunday School teacher has ever been able to fill his shoes. He was, by far, the best. Praying for your sweet family as you mourn the loss of such a wonderful man. Pat & David Beach

Pat Beach - November 03, 2018 at 04:22 PM