

Obituaries

JUNE L. ALFORD

Sent by W.J. Alford, AAFA # 138

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
Houston, TX—no date

June L. Alford, 70, passed away on September 28, 1993. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA., but had resided in Houston for 33 years. Survivors include her husband, Rex of Houston; parents, Paul and Mary Ritzman of Austin; aunt Elmer Bauman of Austin; son, Mark of Houston, Kim and wife Lois of Los Angeles; daughter Page and husband Gary of Houston and grandchildren, Kyle Joseph Carter and Emily Ryan Alford. Funeral service will be private with interment in Memorial Oaks Cemetery....

WILMA WINSTEAD ALFORD

Sent by Ruby Heard, AAFA #137

THE CLARION-LEDGER
Jackson, MS—Thurs., 9 Sept 1993

RALEIGH—Wilma Winstead Alford, 84, a homemaker, died of heart and respiratory failure Monday in Scott County Nursing Home.

Services are 11 a.m. today at Burns United Methodist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Forest is in charge.

A Raleigh native, she was a member of Burns United Methodist Church. She was the widow of Major Alford.

“She maintained her wonderful sense of humor and loving ways during her long illness,” said her niece, Mary Allen of Bryan, Texas. “She really was just so witty, and even to the bitter end.”

Allen said her aunt’s husband was a building contractor, and they traveled

some as he went around the country building churches. Mrs. Alford’s activities included gardening and church work.

“She arranged and provided the flowers for the church through the years,” Allen said.

Although Mrs. Alford never had children of her own, she treated her niece and nephews as her children. Among them were niece, Glenda Fleming of Pascagoula, and nephews, Ken Dobbs of College Station, Texas, Walter Dobbs of Gatesville, Texas, and Kenny Dobbs of Bryan.

“We all grew up together and she was a second mother to us, and to all the children in the neighborhood,” Allen said. “She would take us horseback-riding. All the schoolchildren would come over to the house and she would do fun things with us, like making candy.”

There are no immediate survivors.

Ruby Heard sent this additional information: Wilma Beatrice Winstead m. Major Henry Alford, who was b. 22 June 1907 in Scott Co., MS, the son of William Allen Alford. William was b. 2 Aug 1867 and m. Sallie Paul on 12 Oct 1890 in Scott Co. William d. 20 Oct 1930 and is buried with his wife at Mt. Olive Church Cemetery in Scott Co. William and Sallie had 13 children; Major was their tenth child.

William was the son of Britton Washington Alford and his wife Emily Lindsey. Britton was b. 10 Jan 1843 in Leake Co., MS, and m. Emily on 1 Aug 1866 in Scott Co. Emily was b. 27 Feb 1850 in Scott Co.

SADIE MAE ALFORD

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #032

Unknown newspaper
Galena Park, Harris Co., TX—no date

Sadie Mae Alford, 75, of Galena

Park, passed away August 26, 1993. She was born May 1, 1918, in Alaucheville, La., and was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Alford in June, 1988, Mrs. Alford is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanette and Norman Tiller, Janice and Rudy Silva, and Karen Sue and Donald Barnett; grandchildren, Stephanie Hilliard, Ronnie Barnett, Lisa Kubena, Julie Silva, Michael Silva, Stacey Burleson, Keith Lusk, Alisha Lusk, Teresa Lusk; great-granddaughters, Lauren Kubena and Miranda Hilliard; sisters, Lillian Blaylock and Lillie McCullough; and a number of other relatives.

A vigil for the deceased was conducted at 7 p.m. Aug. 29, in Howard-Glendale Chapel. The Funeral Liturgy was celebrated at 10 a.m. Aug. 30., in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, with the Rev. Robert Carlson officiating. Rite of Committal was in San Jacinto Memorial Park Cemetery....

OMA VICKERY ALFORD

Sent by Dovie Alford AAFA #110

TYLER MORNING TELEGRAPH
Tyler, TX—Sat., 21 August 1993

PALESTINE—Services for Oma Vickery Alford, 86, Onalaska, are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday in Bailey & Foster Funeral Home Chapel in Palestine.

Burial will be in Strong Memorial Park, Slocum.

Mrs. Alford died Thursday in a Huntsville hospital.

She was born Feb. 25, 1907, in Slocum to the late Andrew Jackson Vickery and Ruth Turner Vickery. She was a member of the Slocum Christian Church.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Alford was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice Lee Alford, on Aug. 29, 1978.

Survivors include four daughters, Delores LeDoux and Peggy Meyer, both of Onalaska, Mary Ann Meadows, Houston, and Benita Mitchell, Stafford; one son, Maurice Arnold, Houston; one sister, Verna Jones, Groveton; two brothers, LeRoy Vickery, Onalaska, and Reggie Vickery, Fort Smith, Ark.; 22 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Michael Brown, Kenneth Alford, Allen Alford, Jimmy Adams, Larry Meadows, Ronald Meadows and Heath Williams.

**INEZ ALFORD SUROVIK
AAFA # 107**

Unknown newspaper
____, TX—____ August 1993

CALDWELL—Funeral services for Inez Alford Surovik, 100, of Caldwell will be 10 a.m. today at Strickland Funeral Home.

The Rev. William Jenkins of First United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from 7:30 a.m. until the service today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Surovik died at home Thursday evening [19 Aug 1993].

She was born in Caldwell and graduated from Caldwell High School. Mrs. Surovik attended North Texas State Normal College of Denton and taught in several area schools, including Second Creek, Deanville, Cooks Point, San Antonio Prairie and Caldwell.

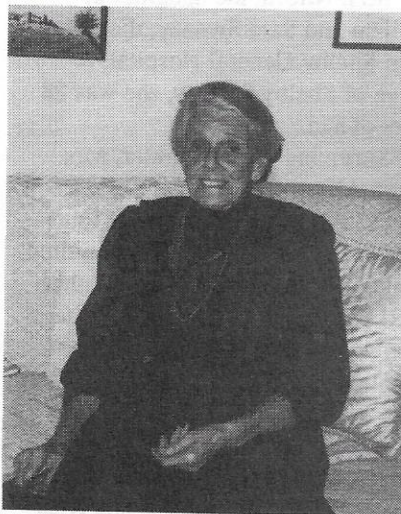
At the time of her death, she was the oldest member of First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Surovik was very active in the church, teaching study courses and serving as a Sunday school teacher and as sponsor for the Church Asberry girls, who began the

fund for the church organ that is still used today. As a member of the Methodist women's organization, she helped cook for the local Rotary Club for 29 years. She was also a member of the Bluebonnet Club.

Family members said she'll be remembered as a great cook who loved gardening, flowers and roses.

Mrs. Surovik was preceded in death by her parents, Halcut and Mary Jane Alford; her husband, W.L. Surovik Sr., in 1968; four brothers, D.L. Alford Sr., Robert A. Alford, Richard Ervin Alford and Phillip Alford; and four sisters, Elizabeth Alford, Cadie Alford, Nellie Alford and Mary Scott Alford.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, William L. Jr. [AAFA #209] and Sara Surovik of Caldwell; a



Inez Alford Surovik

grandson, Richard J. Surovik of Caldwell; a granddaughter and her spouse, Jayne and Emmit Wolz of Caldwell; a great-granddaughter, Julie Wolz of Caldwell; five nieces; six nephews; and many other relatives.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church choir fund, P.O. Box 478, Caldwell 77836.

*Gil Alford adds this information:
Florence Inez Alford was b. 12 May*

1893 in Caldwell, Burtleson Co., TX. She was the seventh child and fourth daughter of Halcut and Mary Jane (Scott) Alford. Two of her older sisters died when she was about eighteen months old so she grew up with only one older sister and three older brothers. She had a younger sister who died as an infant and a younger brother. Inez was AAFA's first and so far only centenarian

SARA M. ALFORD

Sent by Elmer Miller, non-member

ATLANTA JOURNAL/CONSTITUTION
Atlanta, GA—Friday, 4 June 1993

Mrs. Sara M. Alford of Union City, died June 3, 1993. Mrs. Alford was a member of the East Point First United Methodist Church, Old Campbell County Women's Club, and retired from the FAA after 30 years service. She is survived by daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy (Ginger) Brown, Lilburn, Mr. and Mrs. Chris (Pat) Christenson, Sharpsburg; son Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Nancy) Alford, Newnan; sisters, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Rome, Mrs. Nell Shirley, Stockbridge; brother, Mr. George Montgomery, Macon, seven grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services Saturday 3 p.m. East Point First United Methodist Church. Rev. William O. (Pete) Dinkins and Rev. Horace Couch officiating. Interment, Forest Lawn. Family will receive friends Friday, June 4, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Howard L. Carmichael & Sons.

KYLE ANDREW ALFORD

From Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #032

THE HOUSTON POST
Houston, TX—Tues., 25 May 1993

Kyle Andrew Alford of Columbia

Lakes died May 24, 1993, after a courageous battle with cancer. He enjoyed a longtime friendship with a wide range of well-known people in the field of golf. His friends found that there were never any failures for this truly one-of-a-kind man. He lived his life to help people. He will forever live in the hearts of the many who loved and admired him. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Bledsoe Alford; daughter, Carol Ruth Brown of Houston; brother, Raymond Alford and his wife Daisey of Beaumont; two grandsons, Michael Andrew Brown and wife Andrea, and Scott Derek Brown, both of Bay City; and one great-grandchild, Allison Brown. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, May 26, 1993, at 10:00 A.M., at the First Baptist Church in Bay City, with Dr. W.D. Baker officiating. Interment will follow in the Cedarvale Cemetery in Bay City. Pallbearers will be Gene Amman, Alex Osmond, Ken Culbreth, Jr., Ray Kubeach, Morris Brown, Tommy Aycock, Lon Lambert and Neil Arbuckle. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Ken Culbreth, J.P. Diesel, Jay Hebert, Dick Goodridge, Craig Watson, Bob Earles, Jim Ness, Bill Hill, R.J. Nelson and Bum Phillips. For those desiring, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Brazosport Cancer Center, P. O. Box 90, Lake Jackson, TX 77566. Arrangements are with: Taylor Bros. Funeral Home, Bay City, TX (409)245-4613

WILLIAM C. ALFORD JR.

Sent by David Price, AAFA #168 and Wendell A. Meggs, AAFA #506

THE TENNESSEAN
 _____, TN—Tuesday, 25 May 1993

William C. (Bill) Alford Jr., 66, Walter Hill community of Rutherford County, died Sunday, Middle Tennessee Medical Center. Graveside services 10 a.m. today, Evergreen Cemetery.

Woodfin Memorial Chapel, Murfreesboro, in charge. Survivors: wife, Lillie Shoemake Alford; sons, William III, Murfreesboro, and Robert Alford, Mount Juliet; daughter, Mary Jo Carpenter, Tampa, Fla; sister, Dorothy Tarpley, Memphis; three grandchildren.

LEE ELLA ALFORD

Sent by Janice Smith, AAFA # 152

THE CHAMPION
 Center, TX—_____ 1972

Funeral services for Mrs. Lee Ella Alford of Shelbyville were held March 22 at 2 p.m. in Mangum Chapel with Rev. C.C. Atkins officiating. Interment was in the Rather cemetery.

Mrs. Alford, the daughter of William and Sara Swanzy, died March 20 in Shelby General Hospital. A native of Shelby County, she was 88 years of age.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Selma Alford Gibson of Lufkin; a son, John R. Alford of Shelbyville; four grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; a brother, W.R. Swanzy of Center; three sisters, Cora Alford of Shelbyville, Mrs. Minnie Bains of Brookshire, and Mrs. Ethel Wellborn of Gladwater.

Serving as pallbearers were Paul Carlyle, Maurice Smith, C.F. Adams, Wesley Boles, Bill Stevens and Rick Stevens.

Janice Smith adds that Lee Ella was the wife of John Isaac Alford.

ERIC CLARENCE ALFORD

Sent by Janice Smith, AAFA # 152

THE CHAMPION
 Center, TX—no date (before 1972—see prior obituary for his mother)

Eric Clarence Alford, 64, of Shelbyville died suddenly on August 8 from a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at Mangum Funeral Home Chapel on August 10 with the Rev. Ron Hansen and Mr. C.C. Adkins officiating ministers. Interment was in the Oaklawn Memorial Park.

Born and reared in Shelby County, Mr. Alford was foreman for Pitts Construction company. He was a member of Masonic Lodge of Shelbyville, Texas, Sam Houston #32.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lorena Alford of Shelbyville; a daughter, Mrs. Guy Cisco of Alamagorda, N.M.; 5 grandchildren; the mother, Mrs. Lee Ella Alford of Shelbyville; a brother, John Alford of Shelbyville; and a sister, Mrs. Selma Gibson, of Lufkin.

Pallbearers were O.F. Adams, Leon Shillings, Jack Case, Eric Forbis, Gilbert Wheeler, Paul Carlsile, Rick Stevens and Bill Stevens.

Janice Smith adds that Eric was the son of John Isaac Alford and Lee Ella Alford and the grandson of Baldy A. and Mary Alford.

ALBA B. ALFORD

Sent by Janice Smith, AAFA # 152

THE CHAMPION
 Center, TX—Thurs. 19 February 1970

Alba B. Alford, a resident of the Halbert Community, died February 17 in the Memorial Hospital. He was a retired rancher and farmer and a member of the First Christian Church of Center.

Funeral services for Mr. Alford were conducted at 2 p.m. February 18 in Bartle Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Hancock officiating minister. Burial was in the Rather Cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Cora Jane Alford of Shelbyville; a

daughter, Mrs. Homer Adams of Houston; a son, Royce Alford of Shelbyville; two sisters, Mrs. Vera Swanzy and Mrs. Hartzel Beck of Shelbyville; seven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were John R. Alford, Tom Swanzy, J.P. Lout, Earl Dinkins, Jack Cannon and Joyce Warren.

Janice Smith adds that Alba was the son of Baldy A. and Mary Alford and the brother of John Issac Alford, whose wife's obituary is above.

L.P. ALFORD

Sent by Jim Alford, AAFA #115

DALLAS MORNING NEWS
Dallas, TX—9 June 1896

Marshall, Tex. June 8—Col. L.P. [Lodwick C.P.] Alford, one of Harrison County's pioneers, died here at the advanced age of 84 years at the residence of his son, J.P. [Josiah Perry] Alford, cashier of the Marshall National Bank. Col. Alford was born in Troupe county, Georgia, Jan. 12, 1812 and was married in Lowenboro county, Alabama in 1837 to Miss Annie Sherrill. He came to Texas in 1839 with his family and settled in Harrison county, his home being on the headright which bore his name. He was a lawyer by profession. He has always been identified with Harrison county interests since his residence here. He leaves four sons and three daughters, J.P. Alford of this city, E.L. [Erasmus Lodwick] and W.S. Alford of this county, H.C. Alford of Shreveport, La., and Mesdames T.C. Marsden and Mittie Thomas of Shreveport, La., and Mrs. Lou Haynes of this city. [Editor's note: See related story, "Julius Caesar "Paddy" Alford, 1848-1876" on p. 59 of this issue.]

The subjects of the following two obituaries are not Alfords, but an Alford is mentioned in each obituary:

ALICE M. BARTLETT

Sent by Vernon Oblegonner, non-member

Unknown source
Taylor, TX—no date

Alice M. Bartlett, 79, of Coupeville, Wash., formerly of Huntington Beach, Calif., died Sunday, Aug. 29, 1993.

Mrs. Bartlett was born Oct. 22, 1913, at Taylor the daughter of Willard and **Ruby Alford Gossett**. She graduated from Taylor High School and was employed by Consolidated Steel, Pico Yard, in Long Beach, Calif., in the early 1940's. On Sept. 10, 1944, she was married to Ted Bartlett, mayor of Huntington Beach, in Long Beach, Calif.

She was extremely active in city affairs, contributing about 50 years of service to community service. Her activities over the years include participation in the Hunting Beach Assistance League, the 20th Century Club, the Christmas City Awards organization, Huntington Beach Woman's Club, The Huntington Beach Republican Woman's Club, Orange County Republican Central Committee, chairman, Huntington Beach Republican Headquarters Alternate delegate to the National Republican convention 1966,

Member of the Fourth of July Firecracker Committee, charter member of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce's woman's division, a life member of the Huntington Beach Historical Society an honorary member of Soroptimist International, the Republican Federated Women and the Southern California Republican Women, and received the Huntington Beach Citizen Of The Year award in 1984 as well as a 32 year pin from the American Red Cross Blood Bank. She moved to Anacortes in May of 1991, where she resided at Cap Sante Court Retirement Center

before moving to Careage of Whidby, Coupeville, Wash., in June of 1992.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ted Bartlett in 1989; both parents; two brothers, Joe Bibb Gossett, Willard H. Gossett Jr.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1993 at 2 p.m., at The Good Shepherd Cemetery, 8301 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach, Calif. Arrangements are under the direction of Evans Funeral Chapel, Anacortes, Wash.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Thelma Gossett of Pasadena; a niece, Kay Malseed and husband Dave of Anacortes, Wash.; two nephews, Terry Gossett and wife Bee and children Rhea and Lee of Los Altos Hills, Calif., Mike Gossett and wife Jan and children, Drew and Beth of San Marcos.

Memorials are suggested to the Children's Wing of the Huntington Beach Public Library, Huntington Beach, Calif.

RUBY MARKHAM

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #32

THE HOUSTON POST
Houston, TX—no date

Ruby Markham, 94, of Houston, died January 14, 1993, in Sugar Land, TX. She was born November 12, 1898, in Louisiana. She was an accomplished portrait painter, having studied in Paris, France. She had a studio in Dallas until she married James P. Markham, Jr., a Houston attorney in 1936. She is survived by a step-daughter and son-in-law, Marian and **Robert Alford** of Houston; a nephew, L.D. Moore of San Antonio; 4 step-grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Graveside funeral service will be 3:00 P.M., Monday, January 18, 1993, at Holy Cross Cemetery in Houston, TX, with Father John Folzenlogen officiating.... ❖