

Getting to Know ...

Stephanie Alford, AAFA #1163

There was a delay in receiving the information for Stephanie Alford, AAFA #1163, who was introduced in the last issue of AAFA ACTION. Stephanie is Editor of the AAFA Online Newsletter and helps Kim Savage with the web site. Stephanie Alford was born July 8, 1959, in Boulder, Colorado. This is a mini-autobiography provided by Stephanie.

The Stephanie Alford Family picture features Gladys (mom), Dean (brother), myself, and Kelly (brother)



Alfords All - Stephanie's nieces and nephews. Left to right:

Andrew Alford - son of Kelly Alford (Stephanie's youngest brother).

Cheyenne Alford - daughter of Dean and Nelsene Alford (her younger brother, older than Kelly).

Jordan Alford - daughter of Dean and Nelsene

Oshia Alford - daughter of Kelly

Morgan Alford - daughter of Dean and Nelsene

How did I get to this place?

I currently work as a camp counselor for U.S. Space Camp in Mountain View, CA where I help introduce and educate children ages 9-19 about the Space

Program. My job includes briefing campers on various components of the program and helping them operate simulators similar to those used by astronauts in their training.

When not working at Space Camp, I can be found at a San Jose Sharks hockey game or behind a computer usually doing web page design, personal and freelance. I also enjoy traveling and have most recently returned from the land where icebergs are born, Alaska. I have 2 younger brothers, Dean and Kelly, 4 nieces, a nephew and a sister-in-law; none of whom I see often enough.

So how did I get to this place in my life? I'm not really sure. My father was a music teacher, my mother a secretary and substitute teacher. There were always books and music around, something I didn't appreciate at the time but couldn't live without now. We moved around a lot when I was a kid, books were the one constant in my life.

My book reading and the moving around exposed me to lots of experiences that I draw on in my daily life. When

I graduated from Robertson High School in 1977 in Las Vegas, New Mexico, I went to college in Colorado for a year. My folks couldn't afford to keep me in school, so I dropped out for a year to save money to go back. That was almost 24 years ago. Since then I've had many careers: secretary, travel agent, web developer and now, camp counselor. I'm convinced that nothing happens without a reason and enjoy the new challenges presented to me.

I'm most proud of my brothers who worked their way through college and are doing things they believe in. Dean is a geologist in Elko, Nevada, married to Nelsene Culley with 3 beautiful daughters. Kelly is also in Elko and on the last leg of a degree in teaching from Great Basin College and works as a dispatcher for Nevada Highway Patrol. He has a beautiful son and daughter who live with their mom in South Carolina.

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