

Husband: **Marion Loftin** #11665 died at age: 77

Born: 22 Oct 1896 in: Texas  
 Baptized: in:  
 Died: DEC 1973 in: Austin (Travis County), Texas  
 Buried: 1973 in: Unknown  
 Other: in:  
 Ref: Occupation:  
 Father: W.D. Loftin #12765  
 Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown #12766

Wife: **Iva Dell Alford** #10824 died at age: 18

Married: in:  
 Ceremony: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: Year:

Born: 31 Aug 1912 in: Teneha (Shelby Co.), Texas  
 Baptized: in:  
 Died: 8 Jul 1930 in: Houston (Harris County), Texas  
 Buried: 1930 in: Ramah Cemetery in Tenaha, Texas  
 Other: in:  
 Ref: Occupation:  
 Father: Henry Marion Alford #1115  
 Mother: Lela Estelle Sandlin #5133

(198) Iva Dell Alford, daughter of Henry Marion Alford, was born on August 31, 1912 in Teneha (Shelby County), Texas. By 1917, she moved with her parents to Hightower, Texas, where she spent her preteen years. By 1920, the family had moved to the Beaumont, Texas area in Jefferson County. In the summer of 1927, after the death of her father in 1924, her mother moved the family to Houston, Texas (Harris County), where she was living at home (1628 Pierce Ave.) in 1930. In June 1930, Iva Dell eloped to Vinton (Calcasieu Parish), Louisiana and married a young oil worker, Marion Loftin (10/22/1896-12/1973). After marriage, the couple settled in Orange (Orange County), Texas. On July 8, 1930, after a month of marriage, Iva Dell took the train to Houston, to visit her mother. Shortly after arrival, the two ladies went shopping, and arrived back at her mother's home (a boarding house) at about 4:00 PM. Getting ready to return to Orange about 5:00, she told her brother, William Earl, goodbye and asked where Henry Alsup, a longtime friend, boarder of 3 years, and secret admirer was. She went into the dining room to tell Henry goodbye, when, in a jealous rage, he pulled out a pistol and shot Iva Dell three times in the chest (4:40 PM), and then himself once in the head. Iva Dell died on-the-spot and Henry died later at the Baptist Hospital. Nobody knew of Henry Alsup's secret love for Iva Dell; the family had always thought Henry, age 30, was like a big brother to Iva Dell. William Earl ran into the room just as Henry shot himself. Lela Alford, Iva Dell's mother ran from the front part of the house screaming, to the dining room. She then ran outside to get help, yelling the owner of the barber shop across the street, "He has killed my child." J.C. Howard, the barber shop owner called the police. Iva Dell's new husband, Marion Loftin, also a friend of Henry Alsup, was notified by phone, and he arrived in Houston about 9:00 PM that night. He spent the next day attending to funeral arrangements. Iva Dell's sister, Smithie Harris, was listed as the informant on her death certificate. She was taken to her birthplace of Teneha, Texas in Shelby County for burial. Her husband, Marion, died in Austin, Texas in 1973, his last residence. Iva Dell is buried next to her husband and mother at Ramah Cemetery in Shelby County near Teneha. Her tombstone reads, "She was the sunshine of her home." Iva Dell and Marion Loftin had no children.

1 F No Children #11666

Born:  
 Died:  
 Buried: