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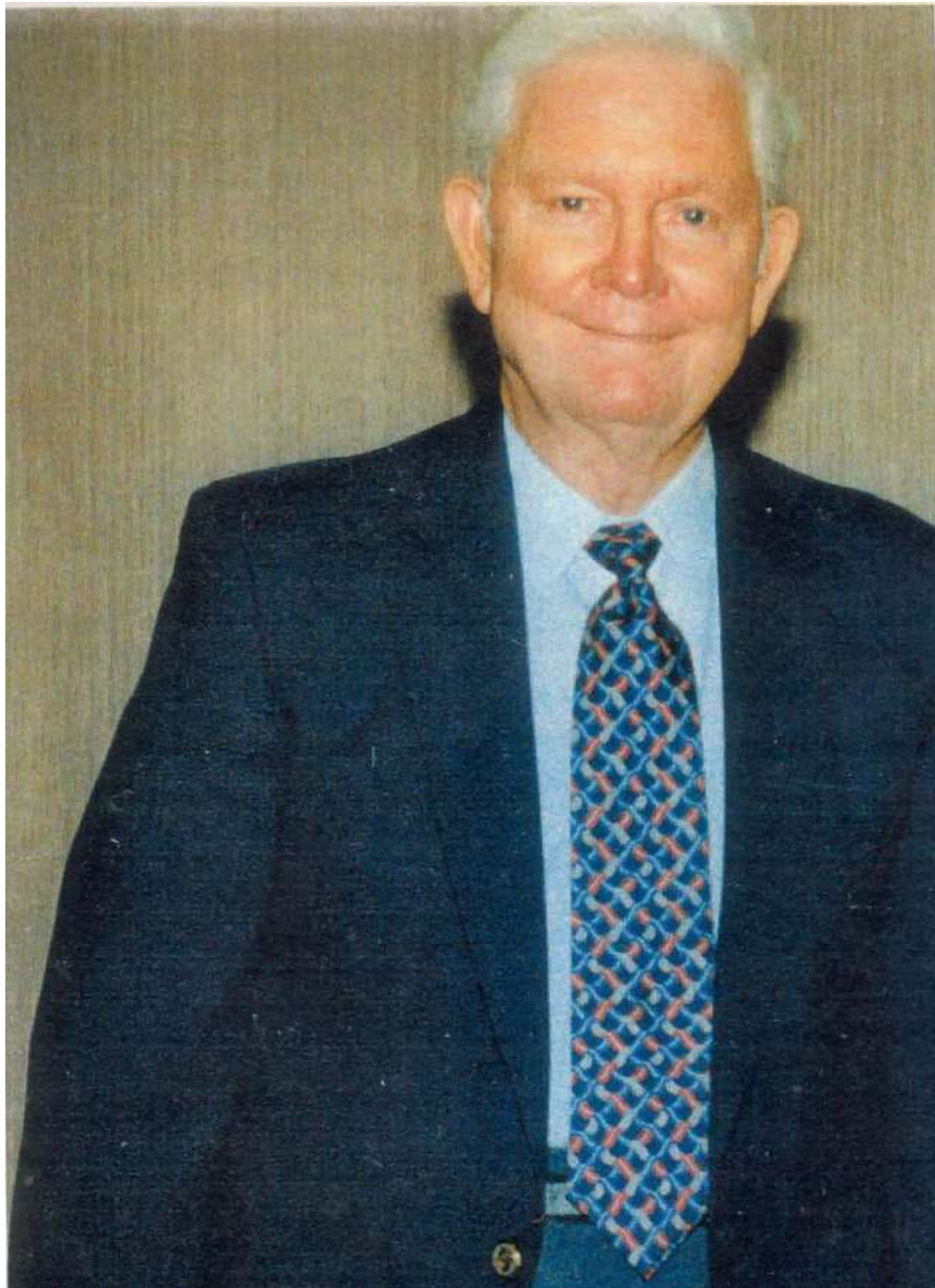
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We Are Family!!

William Joseph (W.J.) Alford

AAFA #0138

Charter Member

November 24, 1924 - March 22, 1996





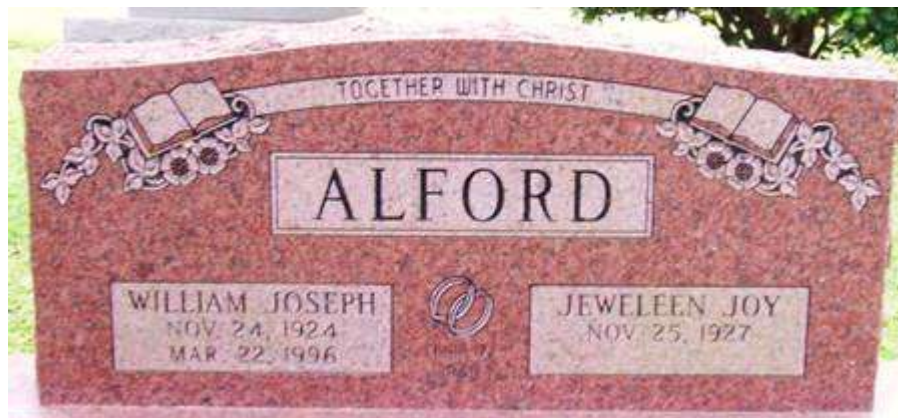
William Joseph (W.J.) Alford, 71, passed away Friday, March 22, 1996. W.J. retired after 37 years with Weingarten grocery. He was a member of Lindale Park Lodge #1347 and North Houston Chapter and Council #472. W.J. was a deacon in Lindal and White Oak Baptist Churches.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Jeweleen Bell Alford; son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Connie Alford; daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Keith Church and Melanie and Charles Leavens; seven grandchildren; brothers, Harold, Wallace and Maurice Alford; sisters, Willie Mae Fenter, Sibyl Headley and Camille Wilson.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 25, 1996 at 1:00 pm. At White Oaks Baptist Church, 3615 Mangum [Houston, TX] with Pastor Paul Dreason officiating. Interment will follow at Rosewood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to White Oak Baptist Church.

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Birth:	24 Nov 1924 Peason, Natchitoches County, Louisiana, USA
Death:	22 Mar 1996 (aged 71) Houston, Harris County, Texas, USA
Burial:	Rosewood Funeral Home and Cemetery Humble, Harris County, Texas, USA
Plot:	Section 26
Memorial ID:	36308538



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Family Members

- Parents
Oscar Riley Alford, 1880–1963
Bertha Ann Sparks, 1894–1940
- Spouse
Jeweleen Joy Bell, 1927–2009 (m. 1949)
- Siblings
Willie Mae Alford Fenter, 1915–1999
Camille Alford Wilson, 1918–2007
Sibyl Alford Headley
Harold Milton Alford, 1922–2012
Wallace Alford, 1927–1997
Clifton Maurice Alford, 1929–2007
- Children
Gregory Wayne Alford, 1954–1954
Alan William Alford
Linda Louise Alford Steagall
Melanie Gale Alford Leavens

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AAFA NOTES:

1. William's Alford lineage: William Joseph 1924 LA¹, Oscar Riley 1880 LA², William Riley 1842 LA³, Julius C. 1797 GA⁴, Jacob 1761 NC⁵, Julius 1717 VA⁶, James 1687 VA⁷, John 1645 VA⁸. His AAFA family: [JUL797GA/JAM687VA](#).
2. For more information on his genealogy, see [Descendants of Jacob Alford, b. 1761 NC](#).
3. W.J. was born November 24, 1924, the son of Oscar Riley Alford and Bertha Ann Sparks. He was from the Sabine Parish, Louisiana, branch of the family and traced his Alford ancestry back through great-great grandfather Jacob Alford born 1761 in North Carolina to James Alford born about 1687 in Virginia.
4. From the time he discovered AAFA at our second meeting in Houston, 1989, he missed only two meetings, in both cases it was his health that prevented his



presence. We were expecting W.J. and Jeweleen in Destin in 1992, but in late September we received a note from Jeweleen: "Sorry, we're not going to make it to Destin after all. On September 15th W.J. was diagnosed as having multiple myeloma (bone marrow cancer). It is affecting his back with quite a lot of pain. He has just begun taking oral medication to keep it under control, so we pray he'll be better. We'll miss seeing everyone and wish our best to all of you." A year later: "W.J. is still taking the oral chemo medication about every 4-5 weeks and it makes him feel weak and badly for several days. His pain is gone now though and he's doing better. We are going to try to make it to St. Francisville." And they did; they also attended the 1994 meeting in Richmond, VA. They were missed in Decatur as they will be in Springfield.

Jeweleen recently wrote: "W.J. was home when he died, because that's what he wanted. He truly enjoyed getting together with all of you Alfords. We came to the meetings until he was unable to do so. Thanks for all you've been to us." Brad Alford, the son of Wilmer R. Alford, #0784, of Pasadena, TX, first let us know of W.J.'s death. He wrote: "W.J.'s interest in the Alford American Family Association was the reason that we joined. His presence on our fishing trips to Lake Toledo Bend will be sorely missed."

