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## Mary Lee Chaney Alford Hodnett

AAFA #0224

Charter Member

June 27, 1912 - June 10, 2005

### Obituary

FORT WORTH—Mary Lee Alford Hodnett, 92, a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died peacefully Friday evening, June 10, 2005, at her residence.

Funeral: 10 a.m. Monday at the grave, with the Rev. Michael Wacshevski, associate minister of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth, officiating. Burial: Following committal services, Mary Lee will be laid to rest next to her husband, Paul, in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Visitation: She lay in state from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Robertson Mueller Harper.

Memorials: Dr. Hodnett's family respectfully suggests that memorial contributions may be made in her name to First Presbyterian Church; or to a charity of choice.

A native of Holden, Mo., Mary Lee Chaney was born June 27, 1912, the daughter of Walter Lee and Laura Myrtle James Chaney.

She was married to **Paul Joseph Alford**, who died in 1953.

Mary Lee graduated from high school in Warrensburg, Mo., and received her B.S. in English from Central Missouri State College.

After moving to Fort Worth, she attended Texas Christian University, where she received an M.S. in art and later her Ph.D. from North Texas State University in psychology.

Using her teaching skills, she taught art in the Fort Worth Public School District before moving to California to be an art professor and taught at San Jose State University.

Instrumental in art therapy programs in Texas, Dr. Hodnett returned to Fort Worth to teach at the University of Texas at Arlington.

In 1971, Mary Lee married Lin Sinclair Hodnett, who also preceded her in death.

Survivors: Son, James P. Alford and his partner, Marsha Mefferd of Ingram; daughter, Susan Alford Dickerson and her husband, Dan of Anson; grandchildren, Julie Anne Harter, James Allan Alford, Charlie Dickerson and Sidney Dickerson Polk; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Carol Chaney Atkins of Albuquerque, N.M.; and three nieces.

Robertson Mueller Harper 1500 Eighth Ave., (817) 924-4233.

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## **Personal Data**

Birth: 27 Jun 1912  
Holden, Johnson County, Missouri, USA  
Death: 10 Jun 2005 (aged 92)  
Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, USA  
Burial: Mount Olivet Cemetery  
Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, USA  
Plot: Rose Garden  
Memorial ID: 113170075



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## Family Members

- Parents  
Walter Lee Chaney, Sr., 1870-1943  
Laura Myrtle James, 1885-1969
- Spouse  
Paul Julius Alford, 1900–1953 (m. 1938)



Paul Julius Alford  
age almost 17

Paul's US Passport Application  
[Ancestry](#) web page

Lindley Sinclair Hodnett, 1913- (m. 1971, div. 1980)

- Siblings  
Walter James Chaney Jr, 1915–1989  
Emily C. Chaney, 1917–1998
- Children  
James Patrick Alford, ( AAFA #0115)  
Susan Alford Dickerson (AAFA #0475)

Information copied from the [Find-A-Grave](#) and 3 Ancestry ([1<sup>st</sup>](#), [2<sup>nd</sup>](#), [3<sup>rd</sup>](#)) web pages.

## AAFA Notes:

1. Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> husband's Alford lineage: Paul Julius 1900 KS<sup>1</sup>, Julius Sherrel 1880 TX<sup>2</sup>, Erasmus 1842 TX<sup>3</sup>, Lodwick Pierce 1812 GA<sup>4</sup>, Lodwick Cade 1775 NC<sup>5</sup>, Julius 1750 NC<sup>6</sup>, Lodwick 1710 VA<sup>7</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>8</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>9</sup>.
2. See AAFA's Published Genealogies, #3.
3. According to AAFA records, Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> husband was Paul Julius Alford, born 16 Sept 1900 in Galena, KS and died 22 Aug 1953 in TX. Paul Julius Alford is also his name on his U.S. Passport Application (Ancestry.com). Mary was his 3rd wife. Their son, James Patrick Alford, is AAFA #0115, and their daughter, Susan Alford Dickerson, is AAFA #0475.
4. Mary was the active AAFA member since her husband died in 1953.