



# The Alford American Family Association

Serving the Alford community over 25 Years  
We Are Family!!



## Thomas Richard Alford

AAFA #0351

Charter Member

February 1, 1933 - December 31, 2017

Thomas Richard “Dick” Alford, 84, of West Columbia, Texas, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at Oak Village Healthcare facility.

Dick was born in Alpine, Texas to Erma Jolly and Herbert Lafayette Alford on February 1, 1933. He spent his younger years in San Angelo, Texas and graduated college in 1955 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech University. He moved to Houston and accepted a position with Houston Lighting & Power. Soon after he met the love of his life, Nelda, and the two were married on September 29, 1956. After serving 2 years as a 1st Lieutenant in the US Army Corps of Engineers, Dick returned to work at HL&P where he retired after 35 years of service. In retirement, he and Nelda enjoyed traveling and spending time with their family and grandchildren.

Dick is preceded in death by his parents, Erma Jolly Atkins Alford and Herbert Lafayette Alford and his brother John Herbert Alford.

He is survived by his wife Nelda Irene Alford, his sons, Stephen Richard (Carol) Alford, Robert Wayne (Sandy) Alford, daughter Linda Kay Alford, sister, Jane Ann Tudor (Jasper) Welch, brother, Robert Atkins (Renee) Alford and grandchildren, Fiona (Jay), William, Joram, Travis, Bryan and Madelyn.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 beginning at 10:30 am at St. John Apostle Catholic Church, 807 Loggins Dr., West Columbia, TX. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in the name of Thomas Richard Alford to the Alzheimer’s Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011. To donate by phone call 800-272-3900 or online at [www.alz.org/donate](http://www.alz.org/donate).

Previous Events:

- Memorial Service  
Saturday, 13 Jan at 10:30 AM  
St. John's Catholic Church, West Columbia, Texas 77486

Copied from the [Baker Funeral Homes](#) web page.