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## Geraldine “Jeri” Ann Alford Obermiller

AAFA #0429

Charter Member

February 21, 1942 – June 5, 2019



Geraldine "Jeri" A. Obermiller, loving and beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away in Charlotte, N.C., on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at the age of 77. Jeri was born on February 21, 1942, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston, TX, to James and Bernice Alford from Caldwell, TX. She attended San Jacinto High School, and graduated in 1960. Jeri studied business at the University of Houston and worked as the personal assistant to Princess Cecil "Titi" Blaffer von Furstenberg for over 40 years. On July 1, 1961, she married Lewis W. Obermiller at Park Place Lutheran Church in Houston, TX. They raised one son, Lewis E. Obermiller, and one daughter, Karen L. Obermiller-Barnes. Jeri had a bubbly personality and was kind and generous to everyone she met. If a friend had a hospital stay, she was the

first one to offer to spend the night by their bedside. Jeri had a passion for travel, and often traveled for her job. She spent so much time in New York City, that she coined the term "her New York walk" to describe her when she was walking fast. She loved to go fishing and read books, but her favorite pastime activity was shopping. She said she actually preferred to buy than shop! She enjoyed watching birds on her back porch feeding from the bird feeders in her yard (although she was no fan of the squirrels that pilfered from them daily) and watching her grandchildren's sporting events every chance she had. Jeri was an active member of Beta Sigma Phi Service Sorority and enjoyed spending time with her sorority sisters. She was also an avid music lover and enjoyed listening to Elvis, Linda Ronstadt, and Kenny Rogers. Jeri was known for her quick wit, her infectious smile, and her Texas twang (although some thought her accent was more southern Georgia).

Jeri was preceded in death by her father, James Alford, her mother, Bernice, her sisters, Audrey Veola, Dovie Jean, and Cecelia Jane. She is survived by her husband Lewis W. Obermiller, two children, Karen Obermiller-Barnes and Lewis Edward Obermiller, their grandchildren, Jake and Emily Barnes, Bradley Obermiller, and Nevaeh Breiby, several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, the 29th of June, 2019, at Christ Lutheran Church, 4519 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28226 at 4 o'clock p.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, The American Cancer Society or any charity of your choice.

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#### Family Members

- Parents  
James Erwin Alford. 1909-1954  
Bernice Douglas Holmes, 1914-1988
- Spouse  
Lewis Weiss Obermiller (m. 1961)
- Siblings  
Dovie Jean Alford, 1933-2013  
Audrey Earlene Alford Veola, 1935-2002  
Cecelia Jane Alford, 1945-1961
- Children  
Lewis Edward Obermiller  
Karen L. Obermiller-Barnes

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#### **AAFA NOTES:**

1. Her Alford lineage: Geraldine Ann 1942 TX1, James Erwin 1909 TX2, Richard Erwin 1886 TX3, Halcut 1854 TX4, Richard Erwin 1818 GA5, Halcut 1789 GA6, Julius 1750 NC7, Lodwick 1710 VA8, James 1687 VA9, John 1645 VA10.