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## Elmyra Elizabeth “Myra” Alford McWhinney

AAFA #0930 Charter Member

September 27, 1924 - August 26, 2012



A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 at Laverne Park, 61217 Fairview Rd, Coquille [Coos Co.], for Elmyra “Myra” Elizabeth McWhinney, 87, of Myrtle Point.

Myra was born Sept. 27, 1924, in Watsonville, Calif., to Harry and Lavina Alford. She passed away Aug. 26, 2012, in Coquille.

Myra was the youngest of six children and raised in the mountains above Santa Cruz, Calif. She married Benjamin McWhinney Aug. 19, 1948. They lived in Davis, Calif., while Ben attended UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. After graduation, they moved to Daly City, Calif., and eventually to Sebastopol, Calif. After Ben passed away in 1989, Myra moved to Myrtle Point in 1991, to be closer to family.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, gardening, music, bowling, ballroom dancing, cooking, bingo, swimming and her cat, Tommy.

Myra was loved and respected by many and will be deeply missed by all, young and old.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Smith of San Jose, Calif.; daughters, Debra Christy of Reno, Nev., Nancy Orr and husband, Ross, of Myrtle Point; grandchildren, Rachele Orr-Summerville and partner, Leff Lyon, JB Orr and fiance, Crystal Hammer, and Amanda Orr; great-grandchildren, Bailey, Brooklyn, Makaia, Riley and one little girl on the way.

Myra was preceded in death by her husband, Ben; and her brothers, Warren, Eugene, Roy and Kenneth Alford.

The family ask that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607.

Arrangements are under the care of Myrtle Grove Funeral Service.

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Birth: 27 SEP 1924  
Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, California, USA  
Death: 26 Aug 2012 (aged 87)  
Myrtle Point, Coos County, Oregon, USA  
Burial: Myrtle Crest Memorial Gardens  
Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, USA  
Memorial ID: 139683319



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#### Family Members

- Parents  
Harry Newton Alford, 1885-1953  
Sarah Lavina Purviance, 1886-1965
- Spouse  
Benjamin M. "Ben" McWhinney, 1923-1989 (m. 1948)
- Siblings  
Warren Newton Alford, 1906-1993  
Eugene William Alford, 1908-1989  
Edward Leroy "Roy" Alford, 1911-1974  
Dorothy Lavina Alford Smith, 1917-2018. AAFA #0918  
Kenneth Lee Alford, 1921-1999, AAFA #0934

- Children  
Debra Lynn McWhinney  
Nancy Sue McWhinney

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### AAFA NOTES:

1. Her Alford lineage: Elmyra Elizabeth 1924 CA<sup>1</sup>, Harry Newton 1885 CA<sup>2</sup>, John Wesley 1853 IL<sup>3</sup>, Matthew Nelson 1819 AL<sup>4</sup>, Charles 1790 NC<sup>5</sup>.
2. For more information about this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, [Known Descendants of Charles Alford \(1790 NC–1858 IL\) & Mary Elizabeth Tipton](#).
3. Elmyra Alford McWhinney and her sister Dorothy Alford Smith, AAFA #0918, at the 1997 Annual Meeting in Pleasanton, CA.

