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Alonzo Duvoix “Buddy” Alford

AAFA #1054

Charter Member

July 29, 1923 – November 5, 2003



Obituary

MT. HERMON—A.D. Alford, 80, a resident of Mount Hermon, died at 10:45 a.m., Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at the Riverside Medical Center in Franklinton.

Mr. Alford was a retired clerk with the Louisiana Department of Highways and a member of the Mount Hermon Baptist Church. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Jerry Simpson Alford of Mount Hermon; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Morris Alford and wife, Sharon, of Tangipahoa and Doix Alford and wife, Paula, of Mount Hermon; a daughter, Lorraine Mabus of Amite; three grandsons, James T. Mabus III and John R. Mabus III, both of Amite and Judge LeBaron Alford of Tangipahoa; two granddaughters, Misty Marie Lewis of Hammond and Riki L. and husband, James Pena, of Magnolia; a sister and brother-in-law, Hassellteen “Teeny” and Clyde Tyson of Mableton, Georgia; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joseph H. and Leah Beth Simpson of Amite; another sister-in-law, Faye Ellen Simpson of Mount Hermon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

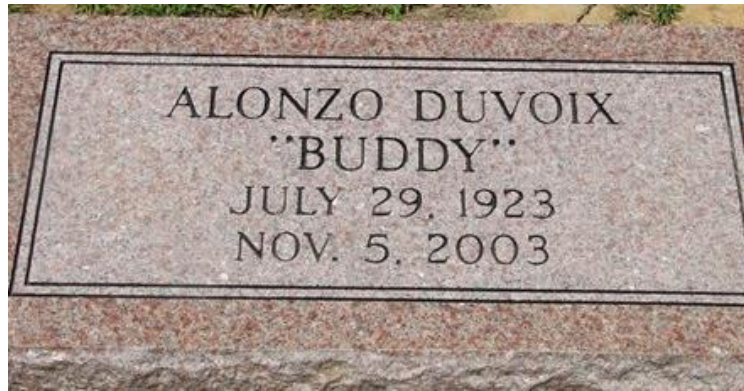
His parents, Alonzo and Florence Morris Alford; two sisters, Audelle Boyd and Odilee Miller; and a brother Woodrow W. Alford, preceded him in death.

A graveside service was held on Friday at Mount Hermon Cemetery.

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Personal Data

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| Birth: | 29 Jul 1923 Mount Hermon, Washington Parish, Louisiana, USA |
| Death: | 5 Nov 2003 (aged 80) Franklinton, Washington Parish, Louisiana, USA |
| Burial: | Mount Hermon Cemetery Mount Hermon, Washington Parish, Louisiana, USA |
| Memorial ID: | 36954585 |



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[Keri Fuller Long](#)
On
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Family Members

- Parents
Alonzo Seaborn "Lonzo Sebe" Alford, 1891-1964
Florence Inez Morris, 1891-1956
- Spouse
Geraldine "Jerry" Robbins Simpson, 1922–2003 (m. 1946)
- Siblings
Audelle Eva Alford Boyd, 1910–1989
Odilee Anna Alford Miller, 1913–1992
Woodrow Wilson Alford, 1914-1923
Cathaleen Ouida Alford, 1926-1928
Hassellteen Alford Tyson
Infant Son Alford, 1927–1927
Infant Daughter Alford, 1929–1929
- Children
Julia Lorraine Alford Mabus, AAFA #1259
Michael Morris Alford, AAFA #0075
Jon Devoix "Doix" Alford

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AAFA Notes:

1. Buddy's Alford lineage: Alonzo Duvoix 1923 LA¹, Alonzo Seaborn 1891 LA², Jephtha Martin 1862 LA³, John Seaborn 1807 LA⁴, Jacob 1761 NC⁵, Julius 1717 VA⁶, James 1687 VA⁷, John 1645 VA⁸.

Memories of Alonzo Duvoix Alford
Memorial Day, May 28, 2001
60 years after enlisting in United States Navy

I served in the Aleutians during World War II and flew on PBY's as a radioman. I was amazed about a year ago when my son, Michael, found a book "Those Navy Guys And Their PBY's, The Aleutian Solution". It was such a catchy title and he was certain that was the era of my time in the Navy so he bought the book. Even more amazing - was that my picture is in this book twice, once with the original 7 man crew on the first PBY's that had no wheels - could just land on water - then in the 9 man crew when they updated the planes with wheels. I have really enjoyed reading this book but it has brought me to tears remembering all who did not come home, including my double first cousin, O. J. "Preacher" Alford. [See separate article on O. J. Alford _Editors]



Buddy Alford AAFA #1054 and
 son Michael Alford AAFA #0075
 with PBY Book 2001

Sixty years ago Delmus Dixon recruited four friends, three 1941 Mt. Hermon High School graduates and one 1940 graduate for the U.S. Navy, brothers Rocky and Earl Schilling and cousins O. J. Alford and myself. We dressed up in our graduation suits and left with Delmus to be sworn in. They sent us to Boot Camp in San Diego, CA for 16 weeks then we came home on a 2 week leave. Preacher and I signed up to go to Aviation Radio School in North Island, CA while Rocky and Earl went to the regular Navy aboard ship.

We trained in patrol planes and were still there on December 7, 1941, when they bombed Pearl Harbor. The whole country was in shock and ill-prepared for war. They hurriedly put up bunkers of sandbags along the beach and we had to do double duty, continue our radio classes then man a bunker for four hours. They gave us an old World War I Springfield rifle, that I did not know how to fire. I almost froze to death from the wind and snow on the beach, we had a peephole to look out but no protection from the weather.



We stayed at radio School until the four months were up, then were assigned to Patrol Squadron 42 at Seattle Naval Base where we stored our personal possessions. We flew to a very primitive tent in Kodiak, Alaska. At first we used a seaplane tender to gas up for our patrols off Midway. The weather was our worst enemy. From Kodiak we went down the chain of the Aleutian Islands to Adak and that is where this book picks up our story. Pages 88 and 171 tell about Preacher and my pictures are on pages 182 and 186.

Standing L to R:
Oscar Jeptha "Preacher" Alford
Rocky Schilling

Kneeling L to R:
Earl Schilling
Alonzo Duvoix "Buddy" Alford 1941



L to R:
O. J. "Preacher" Alford
A. D. "Buddy" Alford, O. J.'s double first cousin
Rocky Schilling, O. J.'s cousin

1941 Boot Camp

Miscellaneous Photographs

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L to R: **Duvoix Buddy Alford, Geraldine Jerry Alford, Hardy Smith, Lois ?, JW Judge Smith, Veda Ray ?, Ben ?**, kneeling - Wilkie Breland Smith. Lois' 90th Birthday.



L to R: **Duvoix (Buddy) and Geraldine (Jerry) Alford**, Judge J.W. Smith



Duvoix and Geraldine Alford
May 1990



Duvoix and Geraldine Alford
50th Anniversary, Oct 19, 1996