

Orville Alford
 Apr 6 1927 - Feb 13 1993
 AAFA# 0042

 Mrs. Orville F. (Pauline) Alford sent the following obituary, which was published in the *Post-Tribune* in Lake Co., Gary, IN.

ORVILLE FELTON ALFORD

Orville Felton Alford, age 65, of Lake Station, passed away Saturday, February 13, 1993. He was a Lake County resident since 1957, born in Artemus, Kentucky, April 6, 1927, the son of Green Berry Alford and Roxie Alice Baird. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Station, was retired from Inland Steel in 1986 with 17 years of service, was a member of VFW Post #9323 in Lake Station as well as a member of American Legion Post #100 and was block captain of his neighborhood watch program. Survivors: wife, Pauline Leger Alford of Lake Station; 5 children, Joseph Orville (Helen) Alford of Portage, Peggy Lynn (Raymond) Drews of Lake Station, Sherry Lee Alford of Lake Station, Debra Janine (Daniel) Zwierzchowski of Rifle, Colorado, Richard Anthony Alford of Florida; 5 grandchildren; Steven Edward Winady of Lake Station, Troy Joseph Alford of Portage, Richard Daniel Zwierzchowski and Kelly Janine Zwierzchowski of Rifle, Colorado; 4 brothers, John P. (Willie Faye) Alford of Burleson, Texas, Doyle D. (Martha) Alford of Littlefield, Texas, Robert G. (Anne) Alford of Breckenridge, Texas, Jason L. (Sue) Alford of Three Rivers, Michigan; 4 sisters, Lyda M. Katrinak of Corbin, Kentucky, Flora J. Alford of Cleveland, Ohio, Gwendolyn (James) Crawford of Cincinnati, Ohio, Nina Sue Sullivan of Rockford, Illinois; mother-in-law,

Nannic Leger of Barbourville, Kentucky; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Green Berry and Roxie Alice Alford, and father-in-law, Frank D. Leger. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 17, 1993 at the First Baptist Church of Lake Station, 1309 Central Avenue, Lake Station, Pastor William D. Blosch officiating. Entombment Calumet Park Cemetery. The family prefers memorials to the American Lung Association. American Legion/VFW memorial services Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Visitation Tuesday, February 16th from 2-9 p.m. at the Rees Funeral Home Olson Chapel, 5341 Central Avenue, Portage, 762-3013.

Gil Alford comments: "Pauline 'Pat' and Orville Alford were AAFA members #42, and we were pleased to hear from Pauline that she wants to continue with an active membership in the Association. We have been corresponding with them since Pat wrote in June 1987: 'A researcher from NC told us about your quarterly paper (the old *About Alford's*) but did not tell us the cost. We are interested in obtaining membership.' We regret that we were never able to help Orville learn more about his second great-grandfather John Alford. John was another of those folks born in North Carolina about the turn of the century who moved on to another state. He was born about 1804 or 1807 and married a person named Diarissa who was born in North Carolina about the same time. We know that, in addition to Orville's great-grandfather, John Russell Alford, who was born May 1839 in Knox County, TN, their children included probably a William 1827, Daniel L. 1830, Elizabeth

1832, Martha L. 1834, Malinda Jane 1836, Jonas (Joseph) 1840, Sophia 1844 and Sarah 1847 (all dates are circa). Orville was disabled by a blood disease for sometime before his death, and Pat mentioned once that his genealogy gave him something interesting with which to fill his time. He spent a lot of time under oxygen at home and in hospitals. We enjoyed working with Orville (through Pat's letters) and hope we gave him some comfort with our participation in his hunt. We look forward to working with Pat." ♦