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## Charles J. Alford, 'put Tucker on the map'

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When Charles J. Alford, 76, moved to Tucker in the early 1950s, friends joked that they needed a map and a compass to find the town.

Mr. Alford helped changed that. "He organized so many things and worked to develop Tucker as a community," said his son, Walter Alford of Buford. "He kind of put Tucker on the map."

Mr. Alford died Thursday from complications of Alzheimer's disease at Wesley Woods Geriatric Center. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Visitation is 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Flanigan Funeral Home.

Mr. Alford was founder and first president of Tucker Federal Bank, formerly Tucker Federal Savings and Loan. He also was a founder of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Tucker, past president of the Tucker Community Association and Tucker Kiwanis Club. He served on the DeKalb County Planning Commission and was a member of the DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Alford was born in Floyd County and served as an artillery officer in World War II before attending law school at Emory University.

"He was admitted to Harvard Law School but couldn't afford to go," said his son, also an attorney. "He was just a country lawyer who valued hard



Charles J. Alford, a Floyd County native, was the first president of Tucker Federal Bank.

work and common sense."

Mr. Alford specialized in real estate and commercial law and didn't retire until 1995. Until his late 60s, he worked at least five days a week, his son said.

In 1986, he moved to Buford, where he was a member of Buford United Methodist Church.

Survivors other than his son include his wife, Elizabeth Bender Alford of Buford; two other sons, Jon Alford and Charles J. Alford III, both of Buford; a sister, Virginia Bippis of Newnan; a brother, William Carlton Alford of Fort Valley; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Charles J. Alford 0097  
b. Apr 12 1924 & d. Jul 2 1998  
Lived in Buford, GA  
Family WIL811NC/!!!!!!NC  
Attended 1 meeting(s).  
Charles was present at the 1990 meeting in  
Raleigh, NC but it was his wife Eleanor who was  
really involved with AAFA.

## CHARLES J. ALFORD, JR.

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Charles Alford and his first wife, Eleanor Lucille "Lynn" Petry Alford, were early members of AAFA. Eleanor, the active member, was one of the few attendees at AAFA's first annual meeting held in Atlanta in 1988.

We published two articles about Charles in the September 1992 issue: "Alfords in the News," pp. 20-21, and "Alfords in Business," p. 26. We also published Eleanor's obituary in the Summer 1994 issue, p. 32.

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