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**Sarah Beatrice Alford
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Sarah Beatrice, daughter of William Leorus Haywood and Lucy Melvina (Overby) Alford, was born April 30 1909 in Parkerville, Worth County, Georgia.

Beatrice married Richard Howell Parramore, as his third wife, August 18 1940 in Blakely, Early County, Georgia.

Beatrice was the oldest daughter of her mother's nine children. She attended grammar school in Worth County, Georgia and received her high school diploma in Greensboro, Georgia where she lived for a time with her older sister Ellie Veazey and family.

Beatrice received her early training as a registered nurse through the nursing program at the Macon (Georgia) Hospital. Later she acquired a BS degree from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee and subsequently completed considerable work at the graduate level.

As a young nurse she helped support the family of her widowed mother during the depression and aided in the education of several of her brothers and sisters. She and her husband Richard looked after her mother in her last years and nursed her in their home during a long bout with terminal cancer.

Beatrice was the Public Health Nurse in Cochran, Bleckley County, Georgia for many years. Ever assuming positions of greater responsibility, she practiced her profession all over the state of Georgia, including Americus where she knew Mrs. Lillian Carter. Upon promotion to the position of Public Health Nurse Supervisor, she served in Columbus, Waycross, and Valdosta, Georgia--the latter place until her retirement. Beatrice's devotion, skill and success in the nursing profession has influenced and inspired many young women, including several nieces to enter nursing.

The doors of Bea's and Richard's home were always open to members of the family and to "orphans" who needed a place to

live, to be loved and wanted. They helped rear five children of the family who were motherless or who needed a home, raising them as their very own -- educating them and instilling the values of good citizens.

Bea always had a strong belief in family ties. She cared deeply for all her sisters and brothers and other kin and she became a sort of second Mama to all. Kinfolks knew that Bea was always there if anyone needed help, advice, sympathy, a place to spend the night, a shoulder to cry on, and sometimes even a little loan. Bea disagreed with family at times and she was sincere but plain spoken in remonstrating with errant kin. She minced no words in her opinion of bad behavior. But they were still her kin and she would never stop loving them.

Beatrice was an active member of the Pilot Club, DAR, the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Georgia Nursing Association.

Beatrice was a member of St. Barnabas Church in Valdosta.

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VALDOSTA—Beatrice Alford Parramore, 92, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2001, in Valdosta after a lengthy illness.

Born on April 30, 1909, in the Parkersville community of Worth County, the daughter of William Leorus Heyward Alford and Lucy Melvina Overby, she had resided in Valdosta for 36 years. She was a charter member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, a member of the DAC and the DAR. She was Director of Nursing with the State of Georgia Department of Public Health in Valdosta before retiring in 1971. Mrs. Parramore served as a public health nurse in Cochran and Columbus with a total of 35 years of service with the State Department of Public Health. She received her public education in Worth and Greene Counties, her registered nursing degree from the Macon Hospital School of Nursing and her Bachelor of Science degree in public health nursing from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn. While in Valdosta, she established the First Home Health Care Agency in the State of Georgia.

Survivors are her stepdaughter, Joanne P. Sykes, Pensacola, Fla; foster children, Sarah Overby Allison, San Bernardino, Calif., Eula Alford Overby and Knox Overby, Jacksonville, Fla., and Sam H. Overby, Chester; sister, Louise Alford Elkin [AAFA #0177], Sun City Center, Fla; brother, Capt. Lodwick H. Alford, USN, retired [AAFA #0011], Sea Island; nephew, Richard S. Sumner and wife Delores of Valdosta.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard H. Parramore, 10 brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Valdosta. Burial will be held at McLane Riverview Memorial Gardens.... Carson McLane Funeral Home.