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Mary Ruth Schulz Alford
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Murray Luther Alford Jr. or Plug as everyone, but his wife called him, died on February 16, 2002. He was given his nickname after a piece of equipment on an oilrig due to his height. He was never without an opinion on any subject you could bring up to him, this made for interesting family dinners since the conversation could get quite heated. He and his wife Mary Ruth came to every meeting that did not conflict with the family vacation they had with their seven children, their spouses and grandchildren. This was the one time of the year that most if not all of their Alford's would get together since their family was spread out in the eastern half of the United States. Plug and Mary Ruth managed to get that vacation moved so they could come to the reunions. They loved coming not only to see as his called them, his dear sisters Vesta, Josephine and Betty, but to see everyone else.

Murray Luther, as Mary Ruth called him, worked in oil field production for two different companies. He worked and retired from one, drove Mary Ruth and the kid's crazy and was told go find something to do. At about this time, another company was having trouble with their oil platforms in the gulf and they hired him. He then worked for them and retired again for good this time. It was good thing he went back to work the second time since at about this time his children began attending LSU in Baton Rouge and with seven children he and Mary Ruth paid for at least 42 years of college tuition.

His Obituary ran in The Sunday Advocate, Baton Rouge, La., February 17, 2002 read as follows:

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Preceded in death by his parents Murray L and Anna Singer Alford; Siblings, Josephine, Vesta, and Peter Alford, twin grandsons Jonathan and Justin Alford.

He was a member of the community bible church of Cut Off, La.

In Remembrance of AAFA Members

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"Plug" and Mary were part of a vibrant group within AAFA that were frequent at most meetings and who made a significant impact. Plug had four sisters who are members of the association: Vesta Alford Giddings, Josephine Alford Carrigan Betty Alford Davis, and Dorothy Allford. He had a brother, named Murray Peter Alford, who was present at the 1989 meeting in Houston but did not join. He is now deceased as is Vesta and Jo. Mary and Plug had 7 children and he gave everyone of them gift memberships in AAFA (he also gave nephew Michal Alford a membership.) Plug and Mary made nine consecutive AAFA annual meetings from 1989 through 1997 and stopped coming only when Mary's health would not allow it. At most of the meeting you could expect one or more of their children to attend the Saturday banquet with them. It was not unusual for an envelope to arrive in the mail with a check for \$100 or more from Plug "just to support the cause."

Alford Ancestors of Murray Luther "Plug" Alford

1. **Murray Luther "Plug" Alford** born Jul 26 1921, St. Charles Parish, LA, occupation oil field consultant, married Jun 19 1948, in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA, **Mary Ruth Schulz**, born Nov 19 1923, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA, occupation school teacher, died Jul 31 2002, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA. Murray died Feb 16, 2002, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA.