

# Harrell Ovead Alford "H.O."

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Sent by Sally Stoewer, AAFA #120

*THE ADVOCATE*  
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**Alford, Harrell Ovead "H.O."**—A retired minister of United Pentecostal Church, International, he died Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1996, at 2:15 p.m. at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Jackson, Miss. He was a U.S. Army medical technician and veteran of World War II. Visiting at Baldwin-Lee Funeral Home, Pearl, Miss., 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. Visiting at the funeral home 8:30 a.m. until the Homecoming Service at First Pentecostal Church, 3425 Robinson St., Jackson, Miss., Services at the church at 10 a.m. Saturday.... Graveside services at Floral Hills Memorial Cemetery, Pearl.

Survived by wife, Annie L. Alford, Pelahatchie, Miss.; five sons, Ovead Alford, Jr., Sumter, S.C., the Rev. Sidney Alford, Cleveland, Ohio, Fred Alford, Jackson, Miss., Garry Paul Alford, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and David Alford, Galvez; six daughters, Gwendolyn A. Nickens, Galvez, Marita Phillips, Thaxton, Miss., Deborah Jones, Pelahatchie, Miss., Rhoda Spence, Galvez, Angela May, El Dorado, Kan., and Joyce Laverne Neal, Morton, Miss.; his children's spouses, A.J. Nickens, Arthur Phillips, Charlotte Alford, Donna Alford, Liz Alford, Cynthia Alford, Seth Jones, Alan Spence, Randy May, Denise Alford and David Neal; 28 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren; a brother, Hosea Alvie Alford, Troy, Ill.

Preceded in death by parents, Fred and Viola Alford, Ferriday; three brothers L.V. Alford, Ferriday, Earl and Carl Dyer; two sisters, Agnes Grangier and Bertis Deshotels, Oakdale; and a granddaughter, Adina Gayle Alford.

He was a pastor emeritus and member of First Apostolic Church of Pelahatchie which he founded and pastored some years ago. He was a minister of the Gospel for 57 years, pastoring four churches, Galvez Pentecostal Church, Galvez, Polkville (Pentecostal Church, Polkville, Thaxt( [sic], First Apostolic Church, Pelahatchie, and Thaxton Pentecostal Church, Thaxton, Miss. He was founder of First Apostolic Church of Pelahatchie and Thaxton Pentecostal Church.

*In another article sent by Ralph Alford, AAFA #746:*

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*  
Jackson, MS-Fri., 30 Aug 1996

PELAHATCHIE—The Rev. Harrell O. Alford, 75, a retired minister, died Wednesday at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson from complications of a stroke

The Rev. Alford was a Louisiana native and a member of First Apostolic Church, where he

formerly served as minister and pastor emeritus.

In his 57 years of ministry, he ministered four churches: Galvez Pentecostal Church in Galvez, La.; Polkville Pentecostal Church in Polkville; First Apostolic Church in Pelahatchie; and Thaxton Pentecostal Church, from which he retired. He moved to Pelahatchie in 1962 from Polkville. He returned to Pelahatchie in 1992. He founded First Apostolic Church in Pelahatchie and Thaxton Pentecostal Church. He was a World War II Army veteran, serving as a medical technician.

Survivors include: wife, Annie; daughters, Marita Phillips of Thaxton, Deborah Jones of Pelahatchie, Joyce Laverne Neal of Morton, Gwendolyn Nickens and Rhoda Annette Spence, both of Galvez, La., and Angela May of Eldorado, Kan.; sons, Fred Alford of Jackson, Ovead Alford Jr. of Sumter, S.C., Sidney Alford of Cleveland, Ohio, Garry Paul Alford of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and David Alford, of Galvez; brother, Hosea Alvis Alford of Troy, Ill.; and 27 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

AAFA NOTE: Harrell Ovead Alford's wife is probably Annie Whatley Alford—see the following obituary of her sister:

Tarver, Aletha Whatlev-Died

Sunday, Dec. 2, 1990, at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. She was 76, a native of Jena and a resident of Prairieville. Visiting at Ourso Funeral Home, Gonzales.... Religious services at Galvez Pentecostal Church, 11 a.m. Thursday, conducted by the Rev. Randy Abraham and the Rev. H.O. Alford. Burial in the church cemetery.

Survived by husband, Willie W. "Bill" Tarver, Prairieville; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia "Hooley" Tarver and Jerry Norwood, Beech Island, S.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Royce L. and Linda Bourque Tarver, Prairieville; three sisters, Pearl Gainey, Ball, **Annie Alford, Thaxton, Miss.**, and Bernice Whatley, Jena; three grandchildren, Rodney Norwood, Talicia and Amanda Tarver. Preceded in death by parents, Isaac Elihue and Angie Elizabeth Caldwell Whatley Sr.; a brother, Isaac Whatley Jr. Pallbearers will be Darryl Bourque, Pete Gibson, John Hebert, Bobby Lofton, Dale Nickens and Al Wright. She was a member of Galvez Pentecostal Church.