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Wife of Andrew Franklin Alford, AAFA #0668

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San Bernardino, CA—  
Saturday, 26 July 2003

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AAFA NOTES: Barbara was the mother of Philip Dennis Alford, AAFA #0879. Her husband Frank's brother is Philip Edward Alford, AAFA #0871. Her SSN, 570-34-4683, was issued in California. Barbara and Frank, who were married on 29 June 1947, were present at the AAFA meeting in California. They were part of what we called "the family of 14," there being 14 attendees from the families of brothers Phil and Frank. The lineage of Frank Alford: Andrew Franklin 1926 CA<sup>1</sup>, Jesse Ellis 1898 MN<sup>2</sup>, Lewis Austin 1871 MN<sup>3</sup>, Alonzo 1842 NY<sup>4</sup>, Lewis 1814 VT<sup>5</sup>, Ashley Owen 1770 VT<sup>6</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>7</sup>, Benedict 1699 CT<sup>8</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>9</sup>, Benedict 1619 EN<sup>10</sup>.



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## BARBARA ALFORD

COLTON - Barbara Jane Alford, 74, died Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at Reche Canyon Rehabilitation Center, after a long illness. Born Feb. 23, 1929, in Los Angeles, she grew up in Redlands, where she lived until moving to the San Bernardino 10 years ago.

She was a 1947 graduate of Redlands High School and studied nursing at San Bernardino Valley College.

She worked as a nurse at Redlands Community Hospital for 09 years and did volunteer work with a number of organizations, including the Redlands Community Hospital Auxiliary, the American Red Cross, operation "Send Off" at Norton Air Force Base during the Vietnam War, Redlands Meals on Wheels and the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda. She had also been a foster mother.

Her son, Michael Alford died May 1, 1968, in Vietnam.

After that, she held various offices in the Gold Star Mother, was the official Gold Star Mother for Riverside Chapter 47 of the Vietnam Veterans of America and was instrumental in establishing a memorial commemorating service people from Redlands who died in various wars.

She had been a member of First United Methodist Church and First Congregational Church in Redlands, and more recently was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church of San Bernardino.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Frank Alford of San Bernardino; three sons, Daniel Alford of San Bernardino, Philip Alford of Yucaipa and Robert "Rob" Alford of Redlands; a sister, Betty Bethel of Highland; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held, Saturday, July 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 3310 N. G St., San Bernardino .

Graveside services will be Monday, July 28, at noon at Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside. Emmerson-Bartlett Redlands Chapel in handling arrangement.

Memorial donations may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 3310 N. G St., San Bernardino, CA 92405; or to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 47, P.O. Box 4377, Riverside, CA 92514-4277.

### **SB woman was active in Gold Star Mothers**

SAN BERNARDINO - after Barbara Jane Alford's son was killed in Vietnam, she committed herself to making life easier for soldiers and their families.

In the 1960s, she and her husband gave Vietnam-bound soldiers leaving Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino a warm send-off.

"She and Dad went out and made sure that the young men going out had everything they needed, she seemed to have this

drive to want to help people," said her son, Philip Alford of Yucaipa.

Barbara Alford, a 10-year resident of San Bernardino, died July 22 at Reche Canyon Rehabilitation & Health Care Center in Colton. The cause of death was not available. She was 74.

She was born in Los Angeles Feb. 3, 1929. Later, she moved with her family to Redlands.

Alford took nursing classes at San Bernardino Valley College and trained at Patton State Hospital near San Bernardino. She was a nurse for 20 years. She worked at Redlands Community Hospital.

"Her being a nurse was interesting because when I was younger, she gave us our flu shots," Philip Alford said.

In the early 1960s, the right side of Alford's face became paralyzed after surgery was performed to remove a brain tumor. As a result, she was no longer able to work.

Because she had worked in a nursery and loved taking care of babies, she and her husband became foster parents and adopted one of the boys left in their care.

Soon after the adoption was finalized, her son Michael Alford, died while serving in Vietnam. She did not let his death keep her down for long.



Barbara Alford held various offices in the Gold Star Mothers, an organization for women who lost a child in war. She was the official Gold Star Mother for Riverside Chapter 47 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. She was instrumental in establishing a memorial commemoration those from Redlands who died in wars.

"She had a number of things happen to her," said a long-time friend and co-worker, Fan Wilbur of Redlands. "Her life was not easy but she handled the situations as they came. She took and turned them into positive things."

Other survivors include her husband, Frank Alford of San Bernardino; two other sons, Daniel Alford of San Bernardino and Robert Alford of Redlands; a sister, Betty Bethel of Highland; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

Services were held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, San Bernardino, CA.