

# *Kathryn Alvord Perkins*

*Jan 3 1922 - Apr 14 2005*  
*AAFA #0719*

Original Message ----- From: *Napa Valley Genealogy Society*

To: Bruechert, Richard  
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2005 11:35 AM  
Subject: Kay Perkins

Kay Perkins was a Past President, Life Member, and Volunteer Coordinator for many years at our Library. Kay passed

away on April 14, 2005, and there will be a memorial service on Friday, April 29, 2005, at 3:00 PM at Richard

Pierce Funeral Home, 1660 Silverado Trail, Napa, CA. The following obituary appeared in the April 24, 2005 edition of the *Napa Register*.

Dick Bruechert

**Kathryn Alvord Perkins**  
**Sunday, April 24, 2005**

## **NAPA**

Kathryn Alvord Perkins died peacefully on Thursday, April 14, at her home in Napa. Born in Centralia, Wash. Jan. 3, 1922, she was the great-granddaughter of Thomas Moody Alvord, an early settler of the Kent, Wash. area. A graduate of Western Washington University, she married her late husband, James J. Perkins, in 1944, and traveled the world while raising a family until he retired from the Navy in 1960. They lived in Hawaii, Maine, Okinawa, Maryland and Germany, with their final assignment at Skaggs Island Naval Radio Station.

Kathryn taught special education in several

elementary schools in Napa, was past president of the local American Cancer Society, past president of the Napa Valley Genealogical Society, member of the Optimists Club, member of the Fleet Reserve Association Ladies Auxiliary and the DAR. An enthusiastic member of the Sweet Adelines barbershop chorus during the 1970s, she was a member of the "Honey Buns" quartet. An avid bridge player and opera fan, she was active in both until very recently.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Perkins of Santa Rosa and Lawrence

Perkins of Napa; half-brother Richard Alvord of Seattle and half-sisters, Margenia Simmons of Oregon City, Barbara McGhee and Martha McNeill of Puyallup; well as three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, April 29 at Richard Pierce Funeral Service, 1660 Silverado Trail, Napa.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Napa Valley Genealogical Society.

Arrangements cared for by Richard Pierce Funeral Service, 226-7444.

In a message dated 5/7/2005 7:26:10 PM Central  
dorothy@napanet.net writes:

Date:5/7/2005 7:26:10 PM Central Daylight Time  
From:dorothy@napanet.net  
To:GAlford2@cs.com

Re: **Kay Perkins**

I am no sure if you  
met Kathryn when you  
had the reunion in  
this area. I  
thought she told me  
she was going. I

thought she told me  
her name was Alford  
not Alvord as I see it  
is given here. Just  
in case she was  
related wanted to

send you the notice of  
her death.

Dorothy Wogh

Sun May 08 18:04:07 2005

From: GAlford2@cs.com  
Message-ID: <202.1324e14.2fafea21@cs.com>  
Date: Sun, 8 May 2005 18:18:09 EDT  
Subject: Re: Fw: Kay Perkins  
To: dorothy@napanet.net, mralford@swbell.net, Pamrthompson@aol.com,  
ebalford@swbell.net, jimbob35@mindspring.com

Dorothy,

Thanks. I copied Pam Thompson who is our Alford association member who  
manages obits. She too is a California person. Also copied our president and  
his wife as well as editors of our Alford quarterly (who manage the Alvord  
data).

Pam et al, Dorothy is a long time friend and Chapman association member- a  
great contributor to our Chapman data and quarterly.

Kay Perkins did not make it to our California meeting but she had planned to  
attend the one the year before in Missouri with some of her kin from this  
area. Death in the family or some such event prevented that one.

When one hears Alford or Alvord spoken it is hard to tell one from the other.  
The Alvords were Alford in England. Two brothers and a sister came to  
Boston from England in the early 1630's. Descendants of one of the brothers use  
Alvord, descendants of the other use Alford. One of the Alvord descendants told  
me he thinks it all came from a mistake when someone hear Alford and thought  
it was Alvord and wrote it as such.

Thanks so much for posting us on Kay's death. We hate to hear that a member  
is deceased but when they are we want to know about it. We don't drop them  
from our rolls though. Our Alford association does special "In Remembrance"  
articles on deceased members. If you can learn anymore about Kay please send it  
to <ebalford@swbell.net> who is Earline Alford, wife of our president. She  
handles all "memorial" matters.

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