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(Sigmund--, Geo. W.--, Green W.--)

George Wiley Alford was born 28 April 1916 on the family farm five miles west of Beggs, Okmulgee Co., Oklahoma and he died on 2 February 2006 in Bristow, Creek Co., Oklahoma after a short illness. "Wiley" was the first child of Sigmund Wolf Alford and Ruth Elaine Soule. Ruth died in 1918 shortly after the birth of a second son, Chester. "Sig" never remarried and raised the two boys on the farm with the help of his mother, Mary Josephine Chandler Alford.

Wiley attended the Osage Hill rural school through the eighth grade, and then helped full-time on the farm until the depression of the 1930's provided him an "opportunity" to migrate toward California. In 1937 he married and headed west until he found

work on the railroad in Arizona. His marriage and his interest in the desert environment both ended, and by 1940 he was again single and back in Beggs.

In early 1941, Wiley tried unsuccessfully to join the Army Air Corps. However, two days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was drafted into the Army and subsequently served 46 months in the European theatre.

After the war he returned to Beggs and on 19 January 1946 he married Naomi Ruth Wasson nee Askew at Okmulgee, Okmulgee Co., Oklahoma. Naomi (1918-2003) was born at Nashville, Howard Co., Arkansas, a daughter of Clarence H. Askew and Vera Del Greene. Her first husband was killed in Italy in 1944 leaving her with a young son,

Ronald Edward Wasson, Jr.

Wiley began his career as an electrician working as a telephone lineman for the Pure Oil Company. He did a variety of electrical work around the oil fields of north central Oklahoma for 16 years, and then he started his own business in 1962, Automatic Controls Service, at Bristow, Oklahoma. He and Naomi, who worked as bookkeeper, were very successful with this venture until their retirement in the 1980's.

Wiley was buried in the Alford family plot in the Beggs City Cemetery. He was survived by his stepson, two step-grandsons, and two nephews.

**For AAFA ACTION, by
George Chester Alford-
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