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1927 GA -2009 GA



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DAILY NEWS

Griffin, Spalding Co., GA

Monday, 19 October 2009

Mrs. Mary A. Lynch, 82, of Griffin, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, at her residence.

Mrs. Lynch was born July 28, 1927, in Clark County, Ga., to the late Elder and Frances Alford. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 48 years, Bill

Lynch; sister, Louise Norton, Frances Hudson; and brothers, Billy Alford and David Alford. Also preceding Mrs. Lynch in death was great-grandson, Lance Cpl. Jeffery Walker, who was killed in May 2007, while serving in Iraq.

Mrs. Lynch is survived by a son, Jimmy Smith of Franklin, Ga.; daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Charles Durham of Griffin, Ga.; and special adopted son, Jerry "Pee Wee" Easterland of Franklin, Ga. She is also survived by sisters, Clara McLean of Madison, Ga., Vada Harden of Griffin, Ga., and Mae Alford of Conyers, Ga.;

and brother, Daniel Alford of Griffin, Ga. Mrs. Lynch also leaves behind grandchildren, Denise Smith, Karen Cann, Teresa Rutledge, Keith Patten, Kim Shepherd, and Susan Maddron; 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind special and dear friends of hers and the family, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet and Diane Bishop, Mrs. Sue Woodard and Mrs. Alice Faye Beck, all of Griffin.

This ends a five-generation family legacy that started in 1963. Mrs. Lynch was retired from Glass

Container Corp. in Forest Park. After retiring, she continued her love of gardening her flowers and vegetables. She also enjoyed mowing her lawn and being outdoors. She also loved traveling, especially to the North Georgia mountains. Another joy was working with her daughter, Frances, researching the genealogy of the Alford and Lynch families. Mrs. Lynch was a devoted individual to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Anyone that has had the joy of knowing her knew that when she said, "I Love You," these words came from the heart.

Services to be held at Conner-Westbury Chapel Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, at 2 p.m. Friends visited the family between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. Monday. Officiating pastors are the Rev. Riley Fenley, the Rev. Ed Lynch and the Rev. Gaines Wise. Interment will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery followed by a reception at Conner-Westbury Reception Hall.

Conner-Westbury Funeral Home, 1891 W. McIntosh Road, Griffin, is in charge of the arrangements.



Photo from Oak Hill Cemetery, Griffin, Spalding Co., GA—www.findagrave.com

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AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Mary A. Lynch (SS# issued in GA), last residence Griffin, Spalding Co., GA.

AAFA records provided by Mary list her parents as Elder Layton Alford and Callie F. _____. Layton is probably a misreading of Payton.

From Oconee Court, Georgia Probate Marriage Records, 1875–2010 (Ancestry.com): Elder Alford married

Francis Brooks in Oconee Co. on 25 Jan 1925.

From Oconee County, Georgia Probate Court Birth Records, 1875–2008 (Ancestry.com): twins Samuel Daniel Alford and Jessie David Alford were born 1 June 1940 to Elder Pelfry Alford and Francis/Frances Callie Brooks. In the birth record of daughter Wilameter Yvonne Alford, born 7 Sept 1935, her parents are Elder Paton Alford and Callie Brooks.

Elder P. Alford, 4 May 1903 – 23 Nov 1971, and Frances B. Alford, 25 Oct 1906 – 25 June 1998, share a gravestone near Mary in Oak Hill Cemetery.

The family of Mary's grandfather, William Albert Alford, moved often. Locations for census years:

1910 Oconee Co., GA — Alfred, Will (32 GA GA GA, 2nd)

marriage) & Anna (19,
1st marriage)

Morgan Co., GA — Alford, William
(36 SC SC SC) & Anna
(26)

Henry Co., GA — Alford, Willie A.
(54 GA GA GA) & Rosa
Anna (39)

1935 Anderson Co., GA (per 1940
census)

1940 Madison Co., GA — Alford,
Willie A. (61 SC) &
Annie (52)

Mary's father is illegible son (8) in
1910 and what looks like Elda (16) in
1920.

On Willie Albert Alford's 1918 WWI
Draft Registration Card, he says he
was age 38, born 8 March 1880. He
was living in Swords, Morgan Co.,
GA, closest relative Anner Alford.

Her lineage: Mary Agnes 1927 GA¹,
Elder Pelfry 1903 GA², William
Albert 1880 SC/GA³.