

H.C.C. Sunday March 29, 1998

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### HAROLD ALFORD

Harold Alford, a member of a pioneer Houston County family, was born Jan. 5, 1914 near Austonio. He passed away on March 12, 1998 at the East Texas Medical Center Crockett.

Mr. Alford was the second of four sons born to Willie Owen Alford and Emily Ann Hiroms Alford. He was baptized at the Methodist Church in the Creek Community where he developed a lifelong love for southern traditional church singing. He graduated from Austonio High School where some of his basketball records were never broken. He went on to play basketball for Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville. Mr. Alford was a World War II veteran of the United States Navy, having served on the USS Alcor in the Pacific Ocean. After the war, he began a long and successful career in the oilfield supply business, eventually forming the Alford Supply Company.

Mr. Alford was a true southern gentleman, a friend to all, and a benefactor to animals. He never said an unkind word about his fellow man; and he upheld the strictest code of ethics and moral character. He was a 50-year member of the Gray Masonic Lodge in Houston, and an original member of the Big Red Roundtable at the University of Houston which paved the way for the first Alumni Booster Club to be formed.

Mr. Alford was preceded in death by his older brother, Charles M. Alford of Austonio.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 57 years, Juanita Johnson Alford, whom he met while she was teaching school in Austonio; only child, Jann Alford Harper and husband, Kermit L. of Houston; granddaughters, Claudette Harper Brown and Angeline Lee Harper of Houston; brothers, W.M. Alford and Dorman Alford of Austonio.

Funeral services for Mr. Alford were held Saturday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Sitton officiating. Interment followed in the Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wendell Alford, Bill Alford, W.D. Alford, Kenneth Alford, Steven West, and Kermit L. Harper.

"Arise, Shine; For your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1

Memorial gifts may be made to the Animal Welfare Agency of your choice or to the Creek Cemetery Fund.

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