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## Dorothy L. Allford, MD

AAFA #0234

June 24, 1924 – December 27, 2020

**Charter Member**

### Obituary



This is a tribute to pioneers in their professions and lives. Dorothy Allford, MD was born 6/24/1924 in Killona, Louisiana to Mr. and Mrs. Anna Singer and Murray Alford. She passed away on 12/27/2020 in Loma Linda, California, from complications of COVID-19 at the age of 96. She and her family love and were blessed to have her caregivers, Gina Morales and family. Dorothy was the last survivor, 2nd to the youngest, of 12 children that were raised on a farm in Raceland, Louisiana. Two siblings died as babies; however, the 10 surviving children went on to lead very productive and extraordinary lives.

Dorothy had a hard life. She graduated from Martin Behrman High School in New Orleans, then Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a Bachelor of Science Degree and was granted a scholarship to medical school at Loma Linda University in California. In 1953, she completed her Master of Public Health Degree with a specialty in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, as one of only a few women in her graduating class, which was an extraordinary accomplishment.

Dorothy never married nor had children, but she loved her family, friends, and her home in Loma Linda. As a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church, she was devoted to God, her church and her community. She was also a published author about creation, produced two video documentaries on cancer from smoking, and researched baby birth defects. Her medical career of 40 years was in General Practice and Rehabilitation.

Women like her helped pave the way for all women who wanted a meaningful profession. Even during her years of retirement, she continued to attend the Loma Linda University Annual Post-graduate Convention (APC) and classes in the spring.

The Memorial Service will be at 7th Day Sabbath Church (909-370-1311; 850 S. Via Lata, Ste. 109), Colton, CA on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 2pm. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Seventh Day Sabbath Church in Colton, CA.

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## **Personal Data**

Birth: 24 Jun 1924  
Killona, St Charles Parish, Louisiana, USA  
Death: 27 Dec 2020 (aged 96)  
Loma Linda, San Bernardino, California, USA

### Family Members

- Parents  
Murray Luther Alford, 1873-1944  
Annie M. Singer, 1887-1944
- Siblings  
Jacob Harris Alford, Sr., 1912-2002  
Helen Singer Alford Cook, 1913-2009  
Murray Peter "Cowboy" Alford, 1913-1992  
Howard M. Alford, 1914-1973  
Arthur Calwell Alford, 1916-1918  
Murray Luther "Plug" Alford, Jr., 1921-2002, AAFA #0236  
Sarah Jane Alford Rivers, 1923-1979
- Half-Siblings  
Edna Vesta Alford Giddings, 1905-1999, AAFA #0233  
Josephine Louise Alford Carrigan, 1906-2001, AAFA #0235  
Betty Lydia Alford Davis, 1909-2001, AAFA #0223

Information copied from the her sister's [Ancestry](#) web page.

## **AAFA Notes:**

1. Dorothy's Alford lineage: Dorothy L. 1924 LA<sup>1</sup>, Murray Luther 1873 LA<sup>2</sup>, Marshall Thomas 1839 LA<sup>3</sup>, John Seaborn 1807 LA<sup>4</sup>, Jacob 1761 NC<sup>5</sup>, Julius 1717 VA<sup>6</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>7</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>8</sup>.

## **Miscellaneous Data**

### **Change in Spelling Surname**

Dorothy legally changed the spelling of her surname to 'Allford' because it bugged her to no end when people pronounced it 'Al', as in Al Smith. She would have preferred the spelling of her surname to have been Allford.