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Jack DeLaye Alford

AAFA #0543

Charter Member

February 22, 1922 – January 29, 2020



Jack Delaye Alford was born February 22, 1922 as the fifth child of Jasper Newell and Mamie Evie (White) Alford in Beaumont, Texas.

Named after Hub Delaye, a popular Methodist evangelist loved by his Mother, Jack was baptized at the Roberts Avenue Methodist Church.

He married the love of his life, Julia Kathryn Plake, on December 25, 1941. They were married for sixty-five years, until her death on July 27, 2007.

He was inducted into the United States Army December 30, 1942, serving for 2 years, 11 months and 5 days, with 2 years and 3 days in Europe, including England, France, Belgium, Holland (Netherlands) and

Germany with the 279th Ordnance Maintenance Company. He was honorably discharged on December 4, 1945.

After returning home from the war, Jack went to work at Mobil Oil Magnolia Refinery and then at Pure Oil Smith Bluff Refinery, which was later purchased by Union 76. During his employment, he rose to become the Instructor for Pipefitter Trainees, and also wrote the piping standards still in use by Union 76. He retired in 1984.

As he became re-established at home, Jack & Kathryn became the proud parents of Mary Ellen and Jack Alan.

He was Past Master of South Park Lodge #1320, AF&AM in Beaumont and Past District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 26-A of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas in 1996. He was a 33rd Degree Mason (White Hat) and a member of the Galveston Scottish Rite.

Jack died January 29, 2020. He lived 97 years, 11 months and 8 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jasper Newell Alford and Mamie Evie White; sisters, Eva Lee Mack, Imogene Louise Alford, and Mary Nelson Sens; brother, Jasper Newell Alford, Jr.; beloved wife, Kathryn Alford; and beloved daughter, Mary Ellen Martin.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Carol Alford; son-in-law, Gerald Martin; grandchildren, Kevin Alford; Stephanie and spouse, Sandra Younce; Danielle Alford; Kimberly Crook and husband, Bill; Sheila Ryan and husband Paul; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A gathering of Mr. Alford's family and friends 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at Broussard's, 2000 McFaddin Avenue, Beaumont. His graveside service will be held 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Beaumont.

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It is always difficult saying goodbye to someone we love and cherish. Family and friends must say goodbye to their beloved Jack Delaye Alford (Beaumont, Texas), who passed away at the age of 97, on January 29, 2020. Family and friends can send flowers and/or light a candle as a loving gesture for their loved one. Leave a sympathy message to the family in the guestbook on this memorial page of Jack Delaye Alford to show support.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Broussard's Mortuary - McFaddin Ave (2000 McFaddin Ave, Beaumont, TX 77701). A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Forest Lawn Cemetery Forest Lawn Memorial Park (4955 Pine St, Beaumont, TX 77703).

Funeral arrangement under the care of Broussard's Mortuary.

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Birth: 22 Feb 1922
Beaumont, Jefferson, Texas, USA
Death: 29 Jan 2020 (aged 97)
Beaumont, Jefferson, Texas, USA
Burial: Forest Lawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home
Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, USA
Memorial ID: 206666695

Family Members

- Parents
Jasper Newell “JN” Alford, Sr., 1882-1951
Mammie Eva White, 1889-1966
- Spouse
Julia Kathryn “GG” Plake (m. 1941)
- Siblings
Mary N Alford
Eva Lee Alford Mack, 1906-1990
Jasper Newell Alford, Jr., 1914-1998
- Children
Mary Ellen Alford Martin. 1946-2014
Alan Alford

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AAFA NOTES:

1. His Alford lineage: Jack DeLaye 1922 TX¹, Jasper Newell 1883 TN², Nelson Ellis 1853 TN³, John William 1825 TN⁴, George Washington 1794 VA⁵, John 1760 VA⁶, William 1738 VA⁷, John 1696 ??⁸.