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Uriel Butler Alford, Jr.

AAFA #1193

April 26, 1928 – October 27, 2007



Lt. Col. Uriel B. Alford Jr. “Pappy,” retired U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, took off on his final flight Oct. 27, 2007.

He was born April 26, 1928, in Little Rock, Ark., to Marguerite and Uriel B. Alford Sr. His wife, Gretchen Rose Alford, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his mother, Marguerite Alford (age 101) of Little Rock; his daughter, Angelyn Alford; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Jacque Alford; grandchildren, Sydney, Cameron, Becca, and Shelby, all of Henderson; his granddaughter and son-in-law, Jaymie and Blaise Herberg; and great-granddaughter, Mckenna Rose, all of San Diego.

As a decorated fighter pilot, he served in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. His last assignment was base commander of Indian Springs Air Force Base. He retired in 1976, after a 26-year career in the U.S. Air Force. After his retirement, he worked for Lewis Homes of Nevada selling real estate. Pappy was an accomplished diver and obtained his private pilot’s license at the age of 14 and had his own plane by age 16. He was born to fly and also enjoyed boating, fishing, and his friends and family.

Services will be at 1:20 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Odyssey Hospice.



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Birth: 26 Apr 1928
Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, USA
Death: 27 Oct 2007 (aged 79)
Henderson, Clark County, Nevada, USA
Burial: Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Boulder City, Clark County, Nevada, USA
Plot: Section M Site 369
Memorial ID: 95917204



Inscription: LTC US AIR FORCE
KOREA VIETNAM
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Family Members

- Parents
Uriel Butler Alford, Sr., 1905-1963
Marguerite Mary Murphy, 1906-2014
- Spouse
Gretchen Rose Vogler, 1928-2000 (m. 1952)
- Children
Angelyn Alford
Michael Alford

Information copied from the [Find-A-Grave](#) and [Ancestry.com](#) web pages.

AAFA NOTES:

1. For more information about this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, [Known Descendants of William Alford 1751-1811 NC.](#)
2. His Alford lineage: Uriel Butler 1928 AR¹, Uriel Butler 1905 AR², John B. 1866 AR³, Leander 1814 NC⁴, Andrew 1787 NC⁵, William 1751 ??⁶.



Lt. Col. Uriel Alford and Children

**University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AK**

1948



Sophomore Class

1949



Junior Class

REMEMBERANCES

Date: October 31, 2007
From: Anthony J. (Tony) Gagliano, Sr.
City/State: Ocean Springs, MS

Pappy left his Family and Friends better people by his presence in their lives. He is now with our Lord, but our memory of him will stay with us all forever. May the love of Family and Friends be a source of comfort to you. The 401st TFW Reunion Members always said that Pappy was a friend to all and a great person. Your Friends In the 401st TFW Reunion Association.

Date: October 31, 2007
From: Richard C. Fontaine
City/State: Spokane. WA 99208

Dear family of Pappy: We flew together back in the SOs at Alexandria, LA. Those were good years and I remember them well. I was in the 614th and went to Italy in 1956 and then left TAC. I think Pappy and I might have seen each other at 401st reunions, but I'll never forget him. Keep the faith. Richard C. Fontaine, Lt Col, retired.

Date: November 01, 2007
From: John C Darby, Jr.
City/State: Stephenville, TX

It was my pleasure to have known and flown with Pappy. May he have a very successful flight and happy landings. John Darby 390th Sqdn

Date: November 01, 2007
From: Rick Westcott, Col. USAF-Ret
City/State: Houston, Texas 77077

Miss Gretchen and now Dee and I will miss you. Sorry you didn't make the trip to come visit us as we would have had a great time catching up on the family. Your family, especially Mike, is doing a wonderful job of helping you greet God. Check 6 Rick & Dee Westcott plus Mark, Darrell and Rick, Jr.

Date: November 01, 2007
From: Garry & Anne Knapp
City/State: Henderson

We are blessed to have known Pappy. He always had such a gentle and quiet spirit. Family celebrations won't be the same - he will be missed.

Date: November 01, 2007
From: Mike Rundle
City/State: Cary, NC

I was an F4 back seat pilot with Pappy in the 390th. I'll always remember his story about the F-100 (F-84?) flight leader whose stick grip came off of the stick while he was leading a flight. It's been a long time and I don't remember much about Pappy but I know I liked him a lot and all the junior guys like me looked up to him. May God bless you all.

Date: November 02, 2007
From: Sallee Melcher
City/State:

I don't think I'll ever see another milkshake without thinking of Pappy and how his eyes would light up when he would have one. I'm so happy I was able to know him for a little while.

Date: November 03, 2007
From: Albert E. (Lash) Lashua
City/State: Fitchburg, MA 01420

I met Pappy in sos at Alex and I tried to remember if he was in the 612th at some time or other. I remember meeting him at the reunions and all I can remember is he was a great guy.

Date: November 04, 2007

From: Steve Vogler

City/State: Little Rock

My first air show - 1956 in Shreveport at Barksdale AFB when I was 4 years old. There were these loud screaming jets. My mom would explain that Uncle Junior flew these loud things while I covered my ears. 51 years later - I am sorry to hear about his passing. I did not see him too many times in my life but the times we did get together were quite magical. Never have I met a more intriguing individual. I once asked him about 10 years ago about a sound that came from Eglin test range. A sound unlike anything my brothers or me ever heard his answer He said, "Funny airplanes do funny things!" Tongue in cheek. I know he missed his wife and misses his 101-year-old mother. I know he misses his children and grandchildren, and great grandchild. The Vogler family is saddened by their loss. An extraordinary Gentleman and Warrior. A true American Hero.

FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER W 499	1. NAME (Print) Uriel Butler Alford Jr. <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>	ORDER NUMBER 12870
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 2806 West 13th Little Rock Arkansas <small>(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)</small>		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same <small>(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)</small>		
4. TELEPHONE 3-6252 <small>(Exchange) (Number)</small>	5. AGE IN YEARS 18 DATE OF BIRTH April 26, 1928 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Little Rock, Arkansas <small>(Town or county) (State or country)</small>
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mr. Tom Murphy (Grandfather) 3411 West 12th St		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Student - Catholic High		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE		
DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42)	16-21630-4 (OVER)	Uriel Alford Jr. <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>