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THE CLARION-LEDGER

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Pooley Alford, 70, owner of Alford Realty, died of a heart attack Saturday a home. Services are 11:30 a.m. today at J.J. White Presbyterian Church with burial Hollywood Cemetery. Hartman Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Mr. Alford, a World War II Navy veteran, was a member of Southwest Mississippi Board of Realtors and the state and national boards of Realtors. He was a member of the McComb-Pike County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development District. He was a member of J.J. White Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include: brothers, J.E. Alford of Metairie, La., Louis Alford of McComb and Warren Alford of Pass Christian.

AAFA NOTE: Several members have sent other news articles about Pooley's death, and we will prepare an expanded piece on him in the next issue.

Gil Alford wrote the following note to a number of AAFA members who have e-mail addresses:

Elizabeth Hazlip, our AAFA publicist who lives in Hazlehurst, MS, phoned me this morning [December 26] to inform me that she had just read of Pooley's death in the paper.

Anyone who has ever attended an AAFA meeting will remember Pooley, as he has never missed a meeting. He was one of the founders and one of the original three directors on the board of directors. He was the first AAFA Treasurer.

Pooley was a close friend and probably the only member about whom I can say I've been in his house and he has been in mine. We've been out to dinner with him in Mississippi and he has been out to dinner with us in Missouri. As best I can tell there is no one with whom I had been working with longer on our Alford family history effort.

We had talked on the phone just last week and he was actively involved with two projects in behalf of the association. One was to acquire and present a plaque in behalf of the AAFA to Mr. Claude Alford who will celebrate his 98th birthday next month. In the other case he was going to employ, at his expense, a researcher in Indiana to see if he could learn anything about the whereabouts of information collected by a Dr. C.L. Alford from Alford's all over the country in the 1800's. His collection at one time was reported to be over 400 pages.

I'll miss Pooley.—Gil



Four sons of Jacob Elias Alford and his second wife, Josephine Bertha Egloff Alford:

Left to right: Jacob Egloff Alford, James Louis Alford, John Warren Alford, and Julius Mosby Alford. James and Julius live in McComb, MS; Jacob lives in Metairie, LA; and John lives in Pass Christian, MS.

Photograph taken June 16, 1991 at the Golden Wedding Anniversary of James Louis Alford and Anna Katherine Rutledge Alford in McComb, Mississippi.

All are members of AAFA except James Louis.

Julius Mosby Alford 0013
 b. Nov 20 1925 & d. Dec 23 1995
 Lived in McComb, MS
 Family JUL808NC/JAM687VA
 Attended 7 meeting(s).
 Known to everyone as "Pooley" he was one of the original three directors of the association and the first treasurer. He never missed a meeting while he was alive. He was an AAFA VP heading the Mississippi Chapter.

Julius Alford: Dancing Around the World

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By June Gilbert, Family Editor

Julius "Pooley" Alford is dancing his way around the world.

Decked in a black tuxedo, paisley cummerbund and bow tie, the semi-retired McComb Realtor has waltzed across the Atlantic Ocean and tangoed on the Pacific. He's seen the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, strolled down Hans Christian Anderson Boulevard in Copenhagen, been photographed with one of The Andrews Sisters and sat next to television and movie star Anne Jeffreys at a cultural evening in Leningrad.

And, if you're green with envy, you'll be even more so when you learn that most of his traveling has been virtually free.

"I've been on 11 cruises now," said Alford, owner of Alford Realty Inc. of McComb. "And, I just take spending money to do the few things I would like to do."

Royal Cruise Line of San Francisco furnishes the rest of Alford's needs. These include: flight to and from the ship, a cabin, laundry services, meals from the lavish buffet bars, a \$100 bar allowance and more.

In return, Alford furnishes something that's desperately needed on cruises—dance partners for lonely single women. In fact, he's one of several "hosts" on the three cruise ships Royal Cruise Line operates.

The idea of "hosts" was begun in 1982 by Richard Revnes, Royal Cruise Line president, Alford explained. Revnes and his wife were on one of the company's cruises in 1982 and she noticed that single older women had no escorts and

rarely were asked to dance. Revnes came up with the idea of escorts.

Since then, Royal has been inviting single men who are 60 years of age or more to act as unofficial shipboard hosts. These men—many of them retired—dance, dine, play cards, attend movies and other shipboard activities with the ladies and escort them to cocktail parties aboard ship and on land tours. There is no hanky panky. It's strictly a platonic relationship between the women and host. The men are given strict instructions on not devoting all their time to one female.

Applicants for the program must be referred by a reputable travel agency and face fierce competition. If selected there are stiff restrictions: no romance, no heavy drinking or inappropriate attire and no favoritism.

Alford said he first read of the host program in a 1986 issue of *Modern Maturity* magazine.

"I wrote to the cruise line and flew out to San Francisco to interview for the position," he said. "I was barely back in McComb before they called me for a cruise."

Alford had to refuse that first 28-day cruise to China and the Far East. "I just

simply could not leave my business on such short notice," he remembered.

He has always regretted not being able to take that cruise: "It was to China and afterward they closed that area to tourists."

There have been other cruises for Alford, though. He's been on two Panama Canal cruises, two Scandinavian cruises, four seven-day cruises to New England and Canada, a Golden Pacific cruise from Los Angeles to Vancouver, Canada and two scenic cruises to Alaska. This year he's booked for a 16-day mid-winter cruise to the Hawaiian Islands and in 1993 he is booked for a Mediterranean Cruise and a spring cruise of the British Isles.

"I've been dancing on these cruises since 1987," Alford said. "And, if a woman wants to play bridge, outdoor golf, ping pong or something, I do that."

"I really enjoy it," he admitted. "These ladies are as a whole lovely, friendly individuals."

He's made many friends. "I met Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Oschner of Oschner's Clinic and Hospital on one cruise and still talk with them often," he said. "And, I met Dr. and Mrs. Red Stuart of Kentwood, La., and we've since become good friends. In fact, they've joined our local dance club."

He's traveled through Los Angeles to visit two ladies he met on a cruise and corresponded with others from Texas, Salt Lake City, Utah, and more. . . .

Are there any bad cruises?

"Well, sometimes a long cruise can get a little tiring," Alford, 66, admitted. "The hips get a little stiff; you get a little tired. We're not as young as we used to be, you know." ❖



#0013 Julius M. "Pooley" Alford, AAFA Treasurer
#0019 Gilbert K. "Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Sec.
Photo taken Houston, TX Meeting October 1989



#0054 D. L. Alford, Jr. & #0013 Julius M. "Pooley" Alford
Photo taken Houston, TX Meeting October 1989



L to R #0621 Bob & Juanita Stevens, #0013 Julius M. "Pooley" Alford,
#0358 Elizabeth Hawes Hazlip
Photo taken St. Francisville, LA Meeting October 1993



#0358 Elizabeth Hawes Hazlip, #040 Elizabeth Alford Williams,
#0043 Marian M. Houk
#0013 Julius M. "Pooley" Alford
Photo taken Raleigh, NC Meeting October 1990



L to R #0013 Julius M. "Pooley" Alford, #0030 Pamela Alford Thompson,
#0011 Lodwick H. Alford, #0382 Juanita Alford, #0225 Victor H. Alford
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'Pooley' Alford appointed to Private Industry Council

Julius M. "Pooley" Alford has been appointed by Gov. Kirk Fordice to a three-year term on the state Private Industry Council as a representative of the private sector.

The Private Industry Council is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Economic and Community Development. It is responsible for administering programs under the federal Job Training Partnership Act.

The JTPA is designed to help youths and adults who face barriers to employment by providing job training and other services that will increase their chances of finding work, raise their level of pay and decrease their dependency on government assistance.

Alford, a Realtor and property appraiser in McComb since 1960, was one of 19 private sector members of the council appointed by Fordice.

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ALFORDS EARN DESIGNATION

Two appraisers with Alford Realty Co. in McComb have been designated certified real estate appraisers.

Julius M. Alford and Gary C. Alford received the designation from the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers, the largest appraisal association in the United States..

The two qualified for the designation through education, experience and professional standards set by the association.

In a related article, no source:

On Monday night the Southwest Mississippi Board of Realtors had their Christmas dinner and December meeting. Brenda Rollinson Board president presented Julius "Pooley" Alford of Alford Realty a certificate and plaque in recognition of 25 or more years in the real estate business.