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CALDWELL — Services for Catherine Grace Alford, 85, of Caldwell are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Caldwell.

The Revs. Steve Stigler of the First United Methodist Church and Cecil Lang of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Caldwell Masonic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. Monday, with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m., and

from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Strickland Funeral Home in Caldwell.

Mrs. Alford died Saturday at her home.

She was born in Franklin and was a longtime resident of Caldwell. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Caldwell, the Burleson County Historical Society, the Caldwell Rotary Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow. She played the organ for the First United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church for many years and was a partner with her husband in the operation of Alford & Company Insurance and the Surrey Inn & Restaurant. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Survivors include her husband, D.L. Alford Jr. of Caldwell; two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel Lee III and Mary Collerain Alford and James J. and Kathryn Burgess Alford, all of Caldwell; two sisters, Nancy

Agnew of Vernon, Texas, and Anne Wear of Grand Prairie, Texas; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Caldwell, the First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell, Hospice Brazos Valley or the Rotary Foundation.

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Catherine Grace Guynes Alford, of Caldwell, died at home on October 1, 2000, at the age of 85. Services will be held today, October 10, 2000, at 2p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Caldwell, followed by Interment at the Masonic Cemetery. Services will be co-officiated by Rev. Steve Stigler, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, and Rev. Cecil Long, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home of Caldwell, with visitation scheduled from 8a.m. until noon today.

Her paternal grandfather, Samuel B. Guynes, came to Texas from Mississippi, settling in the "Little Mississippi" community in Robertson County, while her maternal grandparents emigrated to Texas from New Harmony, Indiana in 1840 and settled in Wheelock, Robertson County. She was a fourth generation Texan.

She was born on May 9, 1915 in Franklin, Texas, the daughter of James W. and Cornelia Kellogg Guynes. She began teaching in Mumford, Texas in January 1937 and continued her education between school terms. She was introduced to her husband, D.L., by his uncle, Robert Alford, whose children attended school in Mumford. The Alfords were married on December 26, 1939 in the Methodist Church in Franklin, Texas.

When her husband joined the American Red Cross during World War II, Catherine obtained the proper licenses to continue managing their insurance agency, Alford & Company, in Caldwell, during his absence. In 1962, D.L. & Catherine built the Surrey Inn Motel and Restaurant in Caldwell.

She is survived by her husband, D.L. Alford, Jr. and her two sons and their wives, Lee and Mary Alford and Jim and Kathy Alford; her four grandsons, Daniel Lee Alford, IV, Michael Bruce Alford, and his wife Cindy, Joseph Woodrow Alford, and Andrew James Alford. She is also survived by one great granddaughter, Emily Grace Alford, daughter of Bruce and Cindy. Catherine and D.L. celebrated 60 years of marriage in December, 1999.

She was a life-long Methodist and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Caldwell, where she was an organist for many years. She also served in that capacity for the Caldwell Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Alford was a Charter Member and Charter President of both the Burleson County Historical Commission and the Burleson County Historical Society. She remained an active member of both until her death. It was during her tenure as society president that the book *Astride the Old San Antonio Road, A Pictorial History of Burleson County*, was written and published.

In addition, she was a member of the Mayflower society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Catherine will always be remem-

bered for her example of strong Christian faith, her great love and devotion to her family, her dedication to the preservation of historical heritage, and her sense of community pride and service. She was very proud to have been honored by the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce as the "First Lady of Caldwell." She will be fondly remembered for her contributions, large and small, in the lives of many. We love her and will miss her greatly.