



Willard Lee Alford  
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AAFA #0309

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*Sept 9 1934 - Oct 13 2012*

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Willard Lee Alford, Jr., 78, passed away Oct. 13, 2012.

He was born Sept. 9, 1934 in Chicago to the late Willard Lee Alford, Sr. and Emma Ruth Roberts Alford. He married Gloria Serena Hoey Alford 49 years ago on May 4, 1963. They resided in Chicago where he worked in various careers until his retirement in 1999 from Northern States Power as an Energy Consultant, then moved to their summer home in Athelstane, WI and Hot Springs Village, AR for the winters—which is now their permanent home.

Willard was a member of Woodlands Presbyterian Church and a volunteer with Teen Challenge. Active in scouting, Willard

achieved his Eagle Scout Badge at age 15. He received his BA Degree in Agriculture from the Univ. of Illinois, Urbana where he was a member of the social fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon. Willard served in US Air Force as Captain flying NATO Missions.

Willard and Gloria have one daughter, Michelle Lorraine Alford, residing in Woodridge, IL and working for DeVry University.

He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Marilyn Ruth Alford Benjamin; and brother-in-law, Ralph J. Benjamin Jr. of Yorkville, IL.

Survivors include his wife Gloria of Hot Springs Village; daughter, Michelle

Alford; sisters, Martina DeVoto Craft (Edward), Bowling Green, KY and Catherine DeVoto Bright, Murray, KY; nephews, Andrew (Mai) Bright, Japan, Jason Bright (Kandace) Lexington, KY, Thomas Benjamin (Diane), Naperville, IL and James Benjamin (Darla), Northfield, MN.

Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Oct. 27, 2012 at First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove, 1032 Maple Ave. at Main St., Downers Grove IL. Memorial donations may be made to Woodlands Presbyterian Church Mission Fund, 11 Ecuestre Dr., Hot Springs Village, AR 71909 or Arkansas Hospice, 628 Malvern Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71901. His body was

donated to Medical  
Science.

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI  
records confirm the birth  
and death dates of  
Willard L. Alford (SS#  
issued in IL), last  
residence not listed.

We included the  
obituary of his father,

Willard Lee Alford Sr.,  
in Kentucky Obituaries;  
and his sister Marilyn  
Ruth Alford Benjamin  
in Illinois Obituaries.

For more  
information about this  
family, see AAFA's  
published genealogy,  
[Known Descendants of  
John William Alford, b.  
1811 England – died  
1890 KY.](#)

His lineage:  
Willard Lee 1934 IL<sup>1</sup>,  
Willard Lee 1904 IN<sup>2</sup>,  
Joseph 1873 KY<sup>3</sup>,  
Thomas Atchinson 1844  
IN<sup>4</sup>, John William 1811  
England<sup>5</sup>, John about  
1783 England<sup>6</sup>, John  
1759 England<sup>7</sup>, Edward  
1725 England<sup>8</sup>, Robert  
bef 1699 England<sup>9</sup>.

**Ahnentafel of  
Willard Lee Alford, Jr, AAFA #0309**

1. **Willard Lee Alford, Jr.** b. Chicago, Cook Co., IL, m. in Rockford, Winnebago Co., IL, **Gloria Serena Hoey**, b. Rockford, Winnebago Co., IL.

**Parents**

2. **Willard Lee Alford, Sr.** b. Aug 13 1904, near Fowler, Benton Co., IN, m. **3. Emma Wilson Roberts**, b. Jul 2 1905, Leitchfield, Grayson Co., KY, d. Dec 7 1956, Riverdale, Cook Co., IL.

**Grand Parents**

4. **Joseph Alford** b. Feb 10 1873, Alexandria, Campbell Co., KY, m. **5. Alta Myrtle Harrington**, b. Jan 28 1881, Maroa, Macon Co., IL, d. Mar 15 1968, Andrews, Huntington Co., IN. Joseph died March 11 1946, Andrews, Huntington Co., IN.

**Great Grand Parents**

8. **Thomas Atchinson Alford** b. Feb 26 1844, Ripley, Hancock Co., IN, m. Dec 5 1867, in Alexandria, Campbell Co., KY, **9. Mary Jane Shaw**, b. Jan 11 1847, Kentucky, d. Nov 11, 1931, Alexandria, Campbell Co., KY. Thomas died Jan 18 1928, Alexandria, Campbell Co., KY, buried: Alexandria Cemetery, Campbell Co., KY.

**Great Great Grand Parents**

16. **John William Alford** b. Jan 24 1811, Holbeach, Lincoln Co., England, baptized: Jan 27 1811, Holbeach, Lincoln Co., England, occupation Iron molder & farmer, m. Mar 9 1834, in Holbeach, Lincoln Co., England, **17. Sarah Cooper**, b. Dec 2 1815, Holbeach, Lincoln Co., England, baptized: Jul 25 1816, Holbeach, Lincoln Co., England, d. Apr 24 1891, Alexandria, Campbell Co., KY, buried: Alexandria Cemetery, Alexandria, KY. John died May 8 1890, Alexandria, Campbell Co., KY, buried: Alexandria Cemetery, Alexandria, KY.

**3rd Great Grand Parents**

32. **John Alford** b. Swinstead, Lincoln Co., England, baptized: Dec 10 1783, Swinstead, Lincoln Co., England, m. May 18 1807, in Holbeach, Lincoln Co., England, **33. Sarah Kirton**, b. Feb 26 1788, Gedney, Lincoln Co., England.

**4th Great Grand Parents**

64. **John Alford** b. Feb 4 1759, Withamonthehill, Lincoln Co., England, m. **65. Mary \_\_\_\_\_**.

**5th Great Grand Parents**

128. **Edward Alford** b. Jan 13 1725, Hacconby, Lincoln Co., England.

**6th Great Grand Parents**

256. **Robert Alford** b. before 1699, Hacconby, Lincoln Co., England.