



Joan Bartlett

1933 - 2004



*Joan Breyfogle Bartlett*

*Apr 25 1933 - Nov 14 2004*

*AAFA #0520*

*DAILY TELEGRAPH*

London, England

November 2004

**Bartlett, Joan  
Patricia Breyfogle.**

Passed away on Sunday,  
November 14th [2004].  
Beloved wife of Derek.  
Adored mother of  
Jonica, Peter and Robert  
and grandmother of

Emma, Alexander and  
Nicholas, Kitty, Bonnie  
and Tallulah.

Funeral Service at the  
church of St Michael the  
Archangel, Warfield.  
Friday, November 19th  
at 2:30 p.m.... Donations

to the M.S. Society  
gratefully received c/o  
Lines Bannister, 69,  
High Street, Ascot, SL5  
7HP.

*AAFA NOTES: Joan died in  
England, so there is no SSDI  
record.*



Written by her husband, Derek Bartlett, for her memorial service in OH:

Joan's father, Robert, was the son of William Roland Breyfogle and Mary Edith Johnston, both Ohio born. Robert married Elsie McLaughlin of Toronto, Canada and he worked for 1st National City Bank of New York, specializing in their overseas operations. For this reason Joan and her brother Peter were born in Barcelona, Spain.

At the start of World War II they were evacuated from Spain to Cuba where the family remained until the end of the War. Robert was transferred to London in 1947 and lived and worked in England for the rest of his life. Joan attended an English school but went to Vassar College in the U.S.

My family lived some 6 miles from the Breyfogles and Joan and I met at a New Year's Eve party! We were married in January, 1956 when Joan was 22 and I was 25 and were blessed with three great children, Jonica, Peter and Robert.

Sadly, just before the birth of our youngest, Robert, Joan was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. For a year she was confined to a wheelchair and her vision and speech were impaired.

However, Joan had enormous courage, determination and faith. She was not going to let MS defeat her. No drugs were available for treatment and still aren't but her doctor recommended a low fat diet. By sticking to the diet and with unbelievable will power she slowly improved. As time went by she was walking talking and seeing normally. For the next 35 years she managed to control the MS and was able to partake in full family life with her growing up children. She was a regular attendee at our village parish church of St. Michael.

When the children had all fled the nest, she turned her energies to family history and genealogy. In 1992 she took a degree course in these subjects at London University and became very active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, based in Washington DC. She joined the Mexican Chapter of this organization and became their honorary chaplain.

Joan's great-great-grandfather, Joshua D. Breyfogle took part in the Californian Gold Rush of 1849 and her great-grandfather fought in the Civil War.

I was fortunate to know Robert Breyfogle's mother, Mary Johnston, who lived here in

England for the last 15 years of her life. She was an exceptional person, one of the kindest I have ever met. Joan took after her!

Joan lived life to the full, overcoming hip and knee replacement surgery, and finally contracted pneumonia after we had made a short visit to Washington DC for her to attend a week's Genealogy course at the DAR headquarters in October 2004. She passed away 10 days after returning to England, only 3 months before our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

As instructed in her will, Joan was cremated, and half her ashes were buried in the family plot at Beechwood Cemetery, Morning Sun, Preble Co., OH and half were retained for burial with me, in due course!

It is very likely that Joan was not an Alford descendant. The late Eileen Alford, who researched the line of Consider Alford 1778 England and wrote Alford-Kennedy Family History (San Antonio, TX, 1971), told Joan that she was a descendant of Consider's first daughter, but Eileen did not know the daughter's name. No Alfords appear in the online family trees for Joan's father and mother, and AAFA has not been able to identify any.





BELOVED WIFE OF DEREK  
JOAN BREYFOGLE BARTLETT

APR. 25,  
1933



NOV. 14,  
2004

MOTHER OF  
JONICA, PETER & ROBERT



**Subject:** Re: Member Deaths

**From:** Gilbert Alford <gilalford@yahoo.com>

**Date:** Sat, 8 Jan 2011 18:44:59 -0800 (PST)

**To:** ebalford@swbell.net, emmettealford@bellsouth.net, janiceandjohnsmith@verizon.net, jimbob35@mindspring.com, mralford@swbell.net, rda6983707@aol.com, susieq38@mindspring.com, Pamrthompson@aol.com, lynnandjimshelley@yahoo.com, Wayne Parrish <usmpcp@att.net>

Hi,

I responded to this earlier, maybe only to Pam saying that I did not have enough to create her ahnentafel. That may have been a stretch because if we tried hard enough perhaps collectively we could come up with something. My previous message responding to folks involved with actions on the death of a member did no include Lynn or Wayne.

I had pretty well reached the throw-away stage with her hard-copy file but have about changed my mind. As late as this week we had an email from a non member providing a little bit of data on the branch.

I'd appreciate some guidance from you on what to do.

Attached is a scanned copy of Joan's application from 1992. Also attached is a family group record created by AAFA based primarily on the work of the late Eileen Alford. In 1982 she was known for her Alford interest across the country. It was from her that I learned about the old LDS-IGI on microfiche. This was one of the first Alford genealogies we created for what was to become the AAFA data base, She died before we had AAFA up and running.

His genealogy, with a couple late generations truncated, is on our Genealogy page. Also linked from there are the articles published in the quarterly based on Eileen's input. Look alphabetically in DNA Group 99.

The website also has a copy of my first letter from Eileen which you can access via [www.alfordassociation.org/letters/EA/ea19821014.pdf](http://www.alfordassociation.org/letters/EA/ea19821014.pdf) which has letter and worksheet.

There are about two-dozen pages in Joan's file. In addition to Consider there is some stuff about AAFA setting up a work in England with Joan leading it. As I remember I never could get Wick to land long enough to deal with it. We still have a treat of a similar action in England now.

We currently have 6 members descending from Consider, counting Joan but not counting Eileen or the fellow who sent the email earlier this week.

I personally don't put too much stock in what Eileen concluded but I'd like to have someone argue with me or agree with me. Most folks I know of out of AAFA seem to accept it.

I'd also like your feelings about scanning all of Joan's file to a page for her on the website.