HELEN JUANITA RIVERS STEVENS

AAFA #0621

1924–2008

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MACON—Juanita Rivers Stevens passed gently onto that good night on May 14, 2008 after an extended illness.

Born in McComb, Mississippi to Edward and Polly Ard Rivers on July 18 1924, she is preceded in death by her two sisters, Polly Hammond and Martha Ellen Rivers. Mrs. Stevens lived a long, rich, and creative life of service to her family and community. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at University of Mississippi where she was a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Tulane University. Dedicated throughout her life to the profession of Social Work, she served as Senior Social Worker with Children's Medical Services in Macon for 26 years. Mrs. Stevens served on the Board of Directors for the Middle Georgia Speech and Hearing Society and the Central Georgia Genealogical Society. She was a lifelong member of the National Association of Social Workers, and an active member of Riverside United Methodist Church.

She was the beloved wife of David Eugene Stevens, who survives her along with her children, Daphne Ellen Stevens (Aaron Bowers), David Eugene Stevens Jr., and Richard Matthews Stevens (Mary); grandchildren, CarsonAnne Sabir (Youssef), David Eugene Stevens III, Catherine Elizabeth Stevens (Allen Morris), Richard Taylor Stevens; and great grandson, Zebulon West-Groover.
She is remembered by her family for her tireless efforts as a homemaker, and her graciousness in welcoming the myriad friends of her children who were frequent guests in her home. The family would like to thank the staff at Heartland Hospice, as well as the many caregivers who have been dedicated to the wellbeing of Mrs. Stevens and her family.

Funeral services will be held at Riverside United Methodist Church on Friday, May 16 at 3 P.M. The Reverends Alan Benson and Tyler Plaxico will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made to Riverside United Methodist Church.

Hart's Mortuary and Crematory has charge of arrangements.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Juanita R. Stevens (SS# issued in MS).

Juanita was an ardent genealogist. She and her husband David attended several annual meetings.

Her Alford lineage: Kytice "Kitsey" 1798 NC, James 1764 NC, Jacob 1738 VA, Lodwick 1710 VA, James 1687 VA, John 1645 VA. 
September 2, 2008

AAFA
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Dear Alford Association,

Please be advised that my wife, Juanita Rivers Stevens, passed away on May 14, 2008 at her home in Macon, Georgia.

Juanita was an ardent genealogist and a long time member of your association, a descendent of Kitsy Alford Ard. She and I both enjoyed attending your meetings.

Sadly,

D Stevens
1296 Wesleyan Dr
Macon, GA 31210-1633

David E Stevens
September 10, 2008

David B. Stevens
1296 Wesleyan Drive
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Dear David,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 2.

I am sure that I speak for all of those in the association when I say how sorry we are to hear of Juanita's death. Most of us who were at those meetings she attended remember her well.

You mentioned that Juanita was a member of the association, but you are also. Our membership is a family thing that covers the "Alford" and the spouse.

She, and you, will be continued as a member of the association as long as there is an AAFA. Of course members who do not keep their dues current are classed as inactive members and do not receive the quarterly publication.

Juanita will now be classed as a deceased member which means several things: We will publish an "In Remembrance" article about her in the quarterly. It will include the obituary, her Alford ancestor table, perhaps a photo, and any other material we come across that would be appropriate. She will be included in the Members Memorial List on our website to which will be linked as applicable, her obituary, the In Remembrance article, and a photo. AAFA maintains a Memorial Album for all deceased members. This is now about 10 volumes large. It includes copies of the things already mentioned and the album is on display at all meetings for those present to review. Finally--at each of our annual meetings now we have a memorial session during the Saturday evening banquet. During this period we name each of our members who died during the year since our previous meeting (or whose death we learned about during that year). Depending on availability there may be a few words said and photos projected during this memorial.

I tell you about all this as some of our members who are responsible for these memorial jobs may be in touch with you for photographs, etc. I will be sending all of them a copy of your letter, the obituary and this letter.

With Deep Regret,

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