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ERWIN [Unicoi Co.]—Allen Stephen Alford Sr., 78, 1525 Rock Creek Road, died Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Alford was a Washington County native and had lived in Spartanburg, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., before moving to Erwin in 1967. He was the son of the late Paul C. and Bessie Moore Alford.

He was a graduate of Unicoi County High School, and a 1951 graduate of Milligan College, where he received a degree in business administration.

Mr. Alford was a World War II Army Air Corp veteran, having served in the European Theater. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart, the European-African-Middle-Eastern Service Medal with one Silver Star, the Air Medal, the Prisoner of War Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

He retired from Clinchfield Railroad in 1980, where he served as a traffic manager in charge of sales.

Mr. Alford was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the Traffic Fraternity, Masons, Toastmasters and American Ex-POWs. He was a former chairman of the Y.M.C.A. and a former Boy Scout leader.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Alford and Jack Alford; and one sister, Elizabeth Early.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Jean Beck Alford; three sons, Allen Stephen Alford Jr., Macon, Ga., Donald E. Alford, Johnson City, and Rob Alford, Erwin; two daughters, Teresa Lewis, Erwin, and Janice Hughes, Unicoi; three sisters, Frances Mallon, Alexander, Va., Sara Reid, Johnson City, and Rebecca Sharp, Elizabethton; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In another article, same day:

Funeral service for Mr. Allen Stephen Alford Sr., 78, 1525 Rock Creek Road, Erwin, who died Tuesday, July 3, 2001, will be held at 8 p.m., Thursday, July 5, 2001, from the Erwin Memorial Funeral Home chapel.... Graveside service and interment will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 6, 2001, at Mountain Home National Cemetery, Mountain Home. Full military grave rites will be rendered by the VFW Post No. 3382, Kingsport. Honorary Pallbearers will be Ex-POWs....

Other survivors include daughters-in-law, Carol Alford, Judy Alford and Kathy Alford; son-in-law Harry Lewis; and brothers-in-law, John Mallon and James Sharp.

Mr. Alford was taken prisoner by the Germans in 1944 while flying a mission over Germany and was held for 14 months. He was one of The Erwin Nine, nine men from Erwin all held in the same prison camp....

Erwin Memorial Funeral Home, Erwin, Tenn., 423-743-1390, is in charge of the arrangements.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that Allen S. Alford (SS #721-03-2204 issued through the Railroad Board) was born 24 Sept 1922.

His lineage: Allen Stephen 1922 TN¹, Paul Coffey 1883 GA², Allen Stephens 1848 GA³, John Allen 1815 GA⁴, William about 1794 NC⁵, Kinchen 1768 NC⁶, Lodwick 1710 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸, John about 1645 VA⁹.