

Jo Muriel Alford Roberts

Oct 8 1925 - Nov 19 1995

AAFA #0761

**Jo Muriel "Jody" Alford
Roberts
1925-1995
AAFA #761**

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Jo Muriel Alford Roberts' affectionately known to family and friends as Jody passed away on Sunday, November 19, 1995. Mrs. Roberts was born on October 8, 1925 in Houston, Texas. In 1946, she received her Registered Nurse certificate from SL Mary's Hospital at Port Arthur, Texas.

She served as a Red Cross volunteer from 1968 until 1995, receiving the Clara Barton award, the highest ward given to a volunteer. She also received the Golden Triangle Award from the Commodore Longfellow Society, reflecting her work with the Red Cross.

Survivors include her husband, C.O. (Bobby) Roberts; son, Michael; daughter, Rebecca Jo; three grandchildren,

Christopher, Stefanie and Kayla. Friends may call after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday at, Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Drive, where the family will be present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for visitation. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 1995 from the chapel of Geo. H. Lewis & Sons. Graveside Services will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Cook Cemetery in Liberty, Texas.

*Jo Muriel -Jody- Afford Roberts
and her husband C. O. -Bobby-
Roberts*

Serving as pallbearers will be Bruce Stratton, George Bums, C.P. Loucks, Ray Jennings, John Townley and Dr. Richard Kercheval. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the American Red Cross or the Commodore Longfellow Society, P.O. Box 190, Whitewright, Texas 75491.

AAFA NOTE: Jody became AAFA #761 when she joined the association in September, just six weeks before her death. She was the daughter of Raymond Guy Alford and his first wife, Thelma Mildred Farris. The family axes their Alford's back to William Alford, Jr., who married Mary Ellis. William was the son of William Alford who died in Hancock County, GA in 1825. Though some feel that William Sr. was a son of Lodwick, that is a point yet to be proven.

Ramona Alford Darden, AAFA #715, and Jody's half-sister, wrote the following remembrance:

Jo Muriel Alford Roberts, known to her family and friends as "Jody," passed away of a massive stroke in Houston, Texas, on November 19, 1995. She devoted most of her adult life volunteering as a nurse, and in the words of her long time friend and associate of the Longfellow Society, Suity Cureton, the very best. In 1946 she received her nursing certificate from St. Mary's Hospital at Port Arthur, Texas. Her first real test came in 1947 during the Texas City explosion-she was among the first nurse volunteers to arrive and render aide. She gave years of service to the Liberty and Harris County Red Cross emergency disaster relief.

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b. Oct 8 1925 d. Nov 19 1195
Lived in Houston, TX
Attended 0 meeting(s)



Beginning in 1968 she was on the National Aquatic Schools as Nurse. It was always known that Jody would not report for work in the morning until she was dressed in the sparkling white of her uniform—even in the lakeside "rough" camps. She always had every hair in place and her makeup was perfect. Once a patient was turned over to Jody, all present could relax. She knew just what needed to be done and she put everyone present at ease with her professionalism.

Among her most prized awards was the Golden Triangle Award from the Commodore Longfellow Society. The Society was organized in 1951, four years after the death of Wilbert E. Longfellow, with the objective of commemorating and perpetuating the memory of his pioneer in lifesaving, both in the water and on land. The means selected was an organization that would recognize the followers of Longfellow who best epitomize his spirit of service to others and who were dedicated to carrying on the "crusade of saving lives." In 1991, this national organization chose Jody as the only recipient for that year.

Jody, being artistically talented and gifted in design decorating, was called upon by many friends and relatives. She was "Johnny on the spot" with ribbon, scissors, artificial flowers, and all the things it took to make any place come alive with the beauty of her artistry. For many years she decorated the Houston Red Cross Office at Christmas.

For her years of service to the Harris County chapter of the American Red Cross, she received the chapter's Clara Barton Award, the highest award given to a volunteer from a chapter. She was so devoted to training everyone in first aid that she often held classes in her home if she couldn't find another location. Her husband, Bobby, had to step over people and bandages many times when he came home in the evening.

On October 8, 1995, Jody and Bobby celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. Their marriage was a success

because, from the first, they agreed she would not play golf if he would not do yard work, another of her favorite passions.

We are sure that St. Peter is appreciating, even in this short time, the valuable assistance that Jody has to be offering. She will have all the angels whipped into shape in record time. One caveat to St. Peter, though: Please do not be surprised when Jody is late for one of your meetings. Be assured she will not be there until her halo is just exactly right and each feather in her wings is properly fluffed. However, once there, she will do the work of several people and stick with it until the end.

ROBERTS

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