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Virginia A. Johnston, 86, died Thursday at Norton Hospital. She was the former Virginia Alford, a native of Chicago and a member of the Woodcock Society and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Survivors: a daughter, Brooke J. Morton; a son, Randolph P. Johnston; and three grandchildren. Funeral: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, her church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave. Private burial: Cave Hill. Arrangements: Pearson's Memorial....

AAFA NOTES: Virginia, Carmichael Alford was born May 18 1912 in Chicago, Cook County, IL, the daughter of Oliver Perry Alford II and Laura Tucker Carmichael. In the 1920 census, this family was living at 5436 Corell Avenue in Chicago, IL. Her father was born in New Orleans, LA, and her mother in Loudon Co. VA. This family is a member of what we call the Blue Grass Branch of Kentucky Alfords, descendants of Charles Alford — believed to be the first Alford in what later became, Kentucky.

Virginia was married to George B. Johnston in about 1931 and had four children, two of whom predeceased her: George B. Johnston Jr. in 1997 and Oliver Perry Johnston who died in a car accident while in college. Her brother, Oliver Perry Alford, III, died in Dec. 1995, and was AAFA member #754. His active membership was transferred to Virginia at that time. Oliver, Virginia, and her son attended our meeting in Alabama in 1995.

We published two In Remembrance articles for Oliver Perry: Winter 1996, pp. 18-19, and Spring 1996, pp. 11-12.