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## Egbert Landon Alford

AAFA #0002

July 11, 1935 - December 18, 2013

Founding Member



Photo copied from the *AAFA Action*, Vol. II, No. 3, December 1989, p. 7.

## Obituary



A memorial service for Landon Alford, age 78 of Henderson, Texas will be held at First United Methodist Church at 2 pm Saturday December 21, 2013 with Reverend David Luckert and Reverend Debbie Tipps officiating.

Landon was born July 11, 1935 in Dallas, Texas to John Rogers and Susan Landon Alford and was a life-long resident of Henderson. He passed away December 18, 2013.

He was predeceased by his parents, brother John Rogers Alford, Jr., sister Ella Langdon Alford and grandson, Charles Knox Alford.

Landon graduated from Henderson High School in 1953. He attended Southern Methodist University where he met his wife Phyllis Potthast Alford of San Antonio, Texas. They married on April 18, 1957, and graduated from SMU in May of 1957. Landon served in the United States Air Force and the Air Force Reserves.

Nothing was more important to Landon than family. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Phyllis Potthast Alford; sons Dr. Eugene Landon Alford and wife Mary Long Alford of Houston, Benson Warren Alford of Tyler, and David Rogers Alford and wife Mary Frances Engle Alford of Henderson; six grandchildren John Landon Alford and wife Lauren Williams Alford of Houston, Lauren Elisabeth Alford of Kansas City, Mo., Elizabeth Drew (Bess) Alford of Houston, Madeline Susan Alford of New York, New York, Amelia Lucile Alford and Eveline Ella Alford of Henderson.

Landon Alford was a true gentleman who will be missed by many. He leaves a legacy of a life lovingly dedicated to his extended family, the East Texas community, and the development of business to create opportunities for all.

Honorary pallbearers will be the officers and directors of Citizens National Bank and the friends in the Strong-Hurt coffee club.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 204 North Marshall, Henderson, Texas 75652.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

Published in the Morning Telegraph, Tyler, TX on Saturday, 21 December 2013.  
Obituary and photo copied from the Morning Telegraph newspaper.

## Personal Data

Birth: 11 Jul 1935  
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, USA  
Death: 18 Dec 2013 (aged 78)  
Tyler, Smith County, Texas, USA  
Burial: Lakewood Memorial Park  
Henderson, Rusk County, Texas, USA  
Memorial ID: 121911973



Photo added by: [LisaM](#) on 31 May 2014

### Family Members

- Parents  
John Rogers Alford, Sr., 1885–1960  
Susan Langdon Landon, 1893–1976
- Spouse  
Phyllis Mabel Potthast (m. 1957)
- Siblings  
John Rogers Alford, Jr., 1928–2008 (AAFA #0200)  
Ella Langdon “Miriam” Alford McDonald, 1931–2005 (AAFA #0246)
- Children  
Eugene Landon Alford  
Benson Warren Alford  
David Rogers Alford

Information copied from the [Find-A-Grave](#) and [Ancestry.com](#) web pages.

## **AAFA Notes:**

1. His Alford lineage: Egbert Landon 1935 TX<sup>1</sup>, John Rogers 1885 TX<sup>2</sup>, Egbert Benson 1858 AL<sup>3</sup>, John Rogers 1810 GA<sup>4</sup>, Kinchen 1779 NC<sup>5</sup>, James 1741 NC/VA<sup>6</sup>, Lodwick 1710 VA<sup>7</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>8</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>9</sup>.
2. For more information about this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, **[Known Descendants of Kinchen Alford and Asenath Deany Wooten.](#)**
3. Landon was one of the first members of AAFA, which he generously supported in many ways. He donated to the 1989 Computer Fund and was a member of the AAFA Century Group in 1995.

## **Miscellaneous Data**

### **A Visit to Aldford, England**

Landon Alford AAFA #0002, and Bess Alford Rayford AAFA #0131, cousins from Henderson, TX, visited the town of Aldford, Cheshire County, when they were in England in March 1992. Aldford is just south of Liverpool near the border of Wales, and is the site where our name probably originated. Josiah Alford visited Aldford and wrote about it in his book, *Alford Family Notes* (London, 1908). As you read the following text from the book, you can visualize the site with the help of these wonderful pictures than Landon shared with us.

Copied from the [report](#) in the AAFA Action, Vol. VII, No. 2, Fall, 1994, p. 45-49.

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### **Alford, Risner Take Tree Farm Honors**

Article copied from the *AAFA Action*, Vol. X, No. 2, Fall, 1997, p. 15.  
Published in the *Texas Forestry*, November 1975.

Landon Alford of Henderson was named the 1975 Outstanding Texas Tree Farmer.

Lin Risner of Marshall is the top Texas Tree Farmer inspector for 1975. He and other foresters, who have done outstanding work in the Tree Farm Program received recognition at the TFA annual meeting.

Alford is practicing the standards of the Tree Farm Program in an exceptional way on Tree Farm 164, which consists of 4,500 acres of land owned by Alford Enterprises in Rusk and Cass Counties.

He is following the orderly sequence of forest practices outlined in the five-year management plan for his Tree Farm. Improvement cuts have been made on the land. Trees were marked or designated prior to cutting....

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### **Henderson's Landon Alford Loop to Open**

Article copied from the *AAFA Action*, Vol. XII, No. 2, Fall, 1999, p. 64.

Sent by Andy Lenth, AAFA #0045.

Published in the Morning Telegraph, Tyler, TX on Saturday, 7 Sept. 1996.

**HENDERSON** --- Landon Alford, who foresaw the need for a loop on Henderson's west side 27 years ago, will be honored Saturday when local officials open the Landon Alford Loop.

The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at the intersection of U.S. Highway 259 North and the new loop.

Keynote speaker for the event will be former Texas Department of Transportation executive director Arnold Oliver.

Other participants will include Tyler TxDOT District Engineer Mary May and former Tyler TxDOT District Engineer Bobby Evans.

Alford, the long-time chairman of the Rusk County Chamber of Commerce transportation committee, was influential in helping the city obtain TxDOT approval and funding for the loop.

He is a past chairman of the Texas Good Roads Association and a member of the East Texas/Gulf Highway Association.

Alford was named East Texan of the Year by the Texas Chamber of Commerce in 1984.

The first phase of the loop, which was recently completed, begins at U.S. 259 North and continues to State Highway 64.

The remaining two phases, which will connect the loop to U.S. 259 south of Henderson, have not been scheduled for construction.