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Roberta Sue Alford Folds

AAFA #0049

Founding Member

November 17, 1928 - April 30, 2010



Obituary



Roberta Alford Folds was born November 17, 1928 in Jackson County, Florida, to the late Mary and Claude Alford. She died on April 30, 2010 at her home in Decatur, Georgia following an extended illness.

A graduate of Florida State University with a BA in Journalism and a Masters in Public Administration, she remained a loyal Seminole throughout her life. In addition to spending time with her family, Roberta loved gardening, Braves baseball, travel, cooking, reading, and crossword puzzles. The cornerstones of her life were her family, the United Methodist Church, the Democratic Party, and her Southern heritage.

While living in Augusta, GA from 1962-1973, she served as a volunteer at University Hospital, was active in the St. John's UMC United Methodist Women, and was President of the Kingston Garden Club. She treasured her friendships in the Seekers Class at Oak Grove UMC in Decatur and appreciated their support during her illness.

She instilled in her daughters, Susan and Becky, the importance of kindness, respect, and loyalty to others and was a wonderful wife, mother, and homemaker. In addition to her daughters, she is survived by her beloved husband of 56 years, Milton; her brother, Eugene Alford and his wife, Elizabeth, of Shady Grove, FL; son-in-law, Adnan Rukieh of Chicago; and many nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by her sister, Mattie Lou Dellinger.

Visitation with the family will be from 4-6 pm on Sunday, May 2 at A.S. Turner & Sons Funeral Home, 2773 N. Decatur Rd., Decatur. Funeral services will be held in the sanctuary of Oak Grove UMC on Tuesday, May 4 at 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to the Butterfly Garden at Oak Grove UMC, 1722 Oak Grove Road, Decatur, GA 30033, Mountain View Personal Care Home at 3675 Kensington Road, Decatur, GA 30032, or to the Foundation of Wesley Woods, Inc. 1817 Clifton Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30329. A. S. Turner & Sons.

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Personal Data

Birth: 17 Nov 1928
Jackson County, Florida, USA
Death: 30 Apr 2010 (aged 81)
Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia, USA
Burial: Oak Grove Methodist Church Cemetery
Oak Grove, DeKalb County, Georgia, USA
Memorial ID: 51911912

Family Members

- Parents
Claude Lamar Alford, 1895-1980
Mary Beauchamp Singletary, 1898-1988
- Spouse
Walter Milton "Milt" Folds, 1928-2020 (m. 1953)
- Siblings
Eugene Alford, 1932-2017
Mattie Lou Dellinger, 1925-2003
- Children
Susan Folds
Becky Folds Rukieh

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AAFA Notes:

1. Roberta's Alford lineage: Roberta Sue 1928 FL¹, Claude Lamar 1895 FL², Walton "Buddy" 1862 FL³, Wiley Walton 1811 GA⁴, Cullen 1775 NC⁵, James 1741 NC/VA⁶, Lodwick 1710 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸, John 1645 VA⁹.
2. Roberta and her husband Milt hosted the very first AAFA meeting in Atlanta in 1988. Not only did they make the hotel arrangements, etc., they had the entire group (14!) to their house on Friday evening for a buffet dinner. They have been quiet recently, but she will be sorely missed.
3. Roberta and her husband Milt were inducted into the AAFA Hall of Fame in 1992 for their contribution of making all arrangements for first AAFA Meeting in Atlanta, GA, 1988. They were also instrumental in the recovery of the Guy Alford collection.

Miscellaneous Data

From: Becky Folds <beckyfolds@comcast.net>
Subject: Roberta Folds
To: gilalford@yahoo.com
Cc: "Milton & Roberta Folds AAFA #0049" <mfolds28@aol.com>
Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 9:13 AM

Gil –

Dad asked that I write to let you know that we lost Mom last Friday. As I believe you know, she's suffered mightily over the past months, so it was a blessing that she died peacefully at home under the care of remarkable hospice nurses. I am attaching a link below to her obituary; if it doesn't link properly (we have had that problem), just go to the funeral home's home page and click the obituaries link and it should take you to the appropriate page.

Best wishes,
Becky Folds

5-5-10 Ramona Darden reRoberta Folds.txt

Subject: Re: Fw: Roberta Folds
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Date: Wed, 5 May 2010 12:07:20 EDT
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I am sad to hear of the passing of Roberta Folds, she and her husband have certainly been wonderful supporters of AAFA through the many years. My thoughts are with Milton and other family members.

Ramone Alford Darden



ALFORD, ROBERTA S.

Senior; B. S., Public Administration; Pi Alpha Sigma;
Flambeau (Assistant Managing Editor); Press Club;
Freshman Flunkies

Florida State University Annual
Tallahassee, FL
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