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Jesse Burdell Alford, Jr.

AAFA #0672

October 21, 1947 ~ September 2, 2023



Obituary

Jesse Burdell Alford, Jr. entered his Eternal Rest surrounded by family in his Wake County home on September 2, 2023. He was proud to be the oldest son of Jesse (Bill) Burdell Alford, Sr. and Rudine King Alford of Franklin and Wake Counties.

Jesse's legacy includes a devoted life with his wife of 53 years, Shirley Carter Alford; daughter, Emily Alford Smith (Ben), and son, Jesse (JB) Burdell Alford, III (Cassie); grandchildren, Ailey and Addyson Smith, and Jesse Burdell Alford, IV and Brett Alford. He will be fondly remembered by his brothers Mike Alford (Betty) and Curtis Alford (Beth), and sister Shari Alford Gill (Dexter), numerous cousins, nephews and nieces, and friends.

After graduating from Rolesville High in 1966, he attended North Carolina State University earning a degree in agricultural economics in 1970. His love for the NCSU Wolfpack, all events at Reynolds Coliseum, and JB's attendance kept him frequently on the campus of his alma mater. He served until retirement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in many roles, settling in as an Agricultural Resources Manager, in seven central North Carolina counties, whose goal was to help farmers enhance and hold onto their homes and farms.

Jesse was an avid supporter of family and friends. Whether traveling, fishing, attending ball games or sporting events, watching JROTC activities, viewing FFA and school activities, listening to Bluegrass, or just showing up, Jesse was a champion for those he loved.

A service to celebrate his life will be held at 3:00 pm, Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service Chapel, 944 Old Knight Road, Knightdale, NC 27545. The family will receive relatives and friends immediately following the service and other times at the Alford home.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the [North Carolina Aquarium Society](#).

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Personal Data

Birth:	21 Oct 1947 Franklin County. North Carolina, USA
Death:	2 Sep 2023 (aged 76) Wake County. North Carolina, USA
Burial:	Unknown
Memorial ID:	259202392

Family Members

- Parents
Jesse Burdell (Bill) Alford Sr., 1919-1982
Ruby Rudine King, 1927-2003
- Spouse
Shirley Carter, (m. 1970)
- Siblings
Michael Smith Alford
William Curtis Alford
Shari Dean Alford
- Children
Emily Jean Alford
Jesse Burdell (JB) Alford, III

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AAFA Notes:

1. Jesse's Alford lineage: Jesse Burdell 1947 NC¹, Jesse Burdell 1919 NC², Julius 1895 NC³, John Henry 1850 NC⁴, Julius 1823 NC⁵, Thomas 1795 GA⁶, John 1747 NC⁷, Julius 1717 VA⁸, James 1687 VA⁹, John 1645 VA¹⁰.