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**Myrtice Alford Edwards**  
**AAFA #0773**

**Charter Member**

December 14, 1924 – March 5, 2017



Mrs. Myrtice Alford Edwards, age 92, of Eastman passed away Sunday, March 5, 2017 at the home of her daughter in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Hardy-Towns Chapel with Dr. Walter Price and Dr. Jerry Peele officiating. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitations will be Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 2 til 4 p.m. and 6 til 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Edwards was born December 14, 1924 in Laurens County to the late Alma Odom and Homer Lee Alford. She was a member of Eastman First Baptist Church for seventy-one years where she taught The Joy Sunday School Class. She served as GA Leader, a member of the Building Committee, and the Search Committee. She was a graduate of Brewton Parker College, where she was honored as The Oldest Living Graduate and of Bessie Tift College. Mrs. Edwards was an Algebra and Physical Science teacher at Dodge County High School and was a former member of The Dodge County Board of Education. Her teaching career spanned for over twenty years.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Celeste and Richard Furr of Marietta, Ga. and Mitzi and Jim Smiley of Stone Mountain, Ga.; grandchildren, Lindsey Shumpert (John David) Of Atlanta, Ga. and Blake Smiley of Monroe, Ga.; sister, Leatte Braswell (Bill) of Eastman, Ga.; daughter of the heart, Jane Clifford; several nieces and nephews also survived.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, M.H. Edwards and sister, Mable Smith.

Those serving as pallbearers are Keith Braswell, Kirk Braswell, Kip Braswell, Blake Smiley, John David Shumpert, and Ken Rogers. Honorary pallbearers are The Mac Group and The Joy Sunday School Class.

Hardy-Towns Funeral Home of Eastman is in charge of arrangements.

Information copied from the [Hardy-Towns Funeral Home](#) web page.

Birth: 14 Dec 1924  
Laurens County, Georgia, USA  
Death: 5 Mar 2017 (aged 92)  
Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia, USA  
Burial: Woodlawn Cemetery  
Eastman, Dodge County, Georgia, USA  
Memorial ID: 177055941

#### Family Members

- Parents  
Homer Lee Alford, 1898-1977  
Alma Odom, 1900-1988
- Spouse  
Milton Henry "M.H." Edwards, 1925-1985 (m. 1948)
- Siblings  
Mabel Alford  
Lealette Alford



Left by Loree & Billy Beacham on 7 Mar 2017

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#### AAFA NOTES:

1. Her Alford lineage: Myrtice 1924 GA1, Homer Lee 1897 GA2, Lorenzo Dow 1857 GA3, William Benjamin 1825 GA4, William 1794 NC5, Kinchen 1768 NC6, Lodwick 1710 VA7, James 1687 VA8, John 1645 VA9.

**TRIBUTES** --- copied from the [Hardy-Towns Funeral Home](#) web page.

Tom (Tommie) Nicholson, Americus, GA - March 08, 2017 at 09:27 PM

“ ... she was just the true pillar of Eastman. I've never known a more outgoing, friendly person as she was. I always hoped every time I came back to .Eastman that I would run into her, and usually I did! Her warm and caring personality always made me feel so good, and so glad to be back in Eastman. And her dry wit always made me laugh. I have always felt there was never a more gracious nor cordial person on this earth. (And I've known her all my life). Well actually, all the Alford's had these sincere traits .... Mrs. Alma, Mr. Alford, Mrs. Leatte. Heaven has surely gained some angels, but Eastman will never be the same. ... Ms. Alma was always one of the first people to visit the family when any of my family passed. I'll always remember what Mrs. Clyde Nicholson said when Mrs. Alford brought her over during one of these times. On the way out, Mrs. Clyde said 'When Mrs. Alford is not here, Eastman may as well shut down'. I always remember that and how true it was! ...”

Beth Peacock Long - March 07, 2017 at 09:00 PM

“I have many fond memories of Sunday School, Bible study, youth group socials with Miss Myrt. She had such devotion and lived out her faith by serving others. May we all honor her life by being more like her heart.”

Debra Williams - March 07, 2017 at 01:11 PM

“Mrs. Edwards taught me Algebra and Physical Science and was a very great Teacher. She also taught me in The Joy Sunday School Class. I loved Mrs. Edwards!  
I can see you stomping your foot at us now.”

Lisa Brady Saxon - March 07, 2017 at 11:04 AM

“... You gave me the greatest gift that anyone could ever give, an eternity with my Lord and Savior. It breaks my heart to know that I only shared this with you a couple of weeks ago. I will see you again one day.”

Connie G Jones - March 07, 2017 at 08:15 AM

“My Myrt", You were one in a small number of heroes for me, the ultimate teacher and example setter. Your faith nor character wavered in the almost fifty years of our friendship. You were old school with a modern twist, a southern belle in the shadow of a school bell, my respect and admiration only grew as the years went by. Godspeed, we will meet again my friend.”