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Mildred Joana Brock Breeland

AAFA # 1142

October 11, 1933 - July 8, 2021

Obituary



Graveside services for Mildred Joana Breeland, 87, of Tylertown, Mississippi will be held at Rushing Cemetery on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Mrs. Breeland passed away on Thursday, July 8, 2021. She was born October 11, 1933 in Lexie, Mississippi to the late Dollie and Leslie Brock. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her husband General G Breeland, Jr.; son Randall Jace Breeland; sisters Peggy Stringer and Pat Smith.

Mrs. Breeland was a hard-working retired educator that served 36 years in Mississippi, Texas, and Alabama. Her home was always open to children where she could take a simple meal and turn it into an outstanding feast. Mrs. Joanna was not a Breeland by blood but she was passionate about the genealogy of the family and would host the Breeland Family Reunion at her home even after her husband's passing. She was an active member of the Lexie School Committee and author of the Western Walthall column for the Tylertown Times. Mrs. Joana was also an animal lover.

Survivors include her children Laura (John) Riley, Mack Leslie (Kelly) Breeland, Joe Pete Breeland, and General G (Donna) Breeland III; grandchildren Bridgett Breeland, Sarah Kennedy, Jerod King, Jeffrey King, Janna Rose Clark, Mackenzie Breeland, Lucas Breeland, Joey Breeland, Morgan Breeland, Brock Breeland, John Andrew Campbell, Jr, Emily Ladner, Anna Breeland; 15 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; special niece Gail Hall; numerous friends of her children that were like her own; and a host of nieces, nephew, friends, and loving family.

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Information and photo were copied from the [Capps Funeral Home](#) web page.

Personal Data

Birth: 11 Oct 1933
Lexie, Walthall County, Mississippi, USA

Death: 8 Jul 2021 (aged 87)
Tylertown, Walthall County, Mississippi, USA

Burial: Rushing Cemetery
Tylertown, Walthall County, Mississippi, USA

Memorial ID: 229303055

Family Members

- Parents
Leslie William Brock, 1908–1975
Dollie Smith, 1908–1958
- Spouse
General G. Breeland, Jr., 1935–1993, (m. 1953)
- Siblings
Peggy Joyce Brock Stringer, 1930–1979
Patricia Anne “Pat” Brock Smith, 1932–2010, AAFA #0064
- Children
Randall Jace Breeland, 1956–2003
Laura Leroy Breeland King Riley
Mack Leslie Breeland
Joe Pete Breeland
General G. Breeland, III

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

AAFA Notes:

1. Joana’s Alford lineage from her maternal grandmother: Frankie Leoda 1888 LA³, Jephtha Martin 1862 LA⁴, John Seaborn 1807 LA⁵, Jacob 1761 NC⁶, Julius 1717 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸, John 1645 VA⁹.
2. Joana was proclaimed a [Distinguished Member](#) in 2006-2008 for admirably assisting with the mailing of the *AAFA ACTION* quarterly. A Distinguished Member is one who makes significant contributions to the goals and purposes of the AAFA.
3. Joana was inducted into the AAFA [Hall of Fame](#) at the 2009 Dallas, TX AAFA meeting for her long-time contributions to AAFA.

Photos by the AAFA Archivists

Janice and John Smith, #0152 and Walt Smith #1247

1967 -- 79th Birthday of Frankie Leoda Alford Smith



CENTER: Leoda Alford Smith 1888-1971

Back Row, left to right: General G. Breeland, Jr. (1935-1993), Brenda Joyce Stringer, **Joana Brock Breeland** (1933-2021), Thelma Smith Uhlman (1911-1983), Dewey Cassiburi, Fay Seward Smith (1921-1998), Eliza Jane Smith Smith (1904-1992), Jarrett Vandon Smith (1921-1961), Lydia Joana Smith Tidwell (1907-1968), Cletus William Stringer, Patricia Anne Brock Smith (1932-2010), Peggy Joyce Brock Stringer (1930-1979), Patricia Gail Smith, Walter C. Uhlman (1893-1968).

Front Row, left to right: Mollie Doyld Warlaw Smith, Joe Pete Breeland, Randell Jace Breeland (1956-2003), Dollie Irene Stringer, Debbie Cassaburi, Mack Leslie Breeland, Laura Laroy Breeland, Kim Lee Smith, Michael Denny Smith

Joana Breeland was pleased to accept her:



AAFA Distinguished Member Award
from President Max Alford in **2006**



AAFA Hall of Fame Award
from Earl Alford in **2009**



2000 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, Augusta, GA

Left to right: Ona Faye Simmons, Sally Stoewer, Pat Brock Smith, Jeanne Singleton and **Joana Brock Breeland**.

Sally & Jeanne are sisters and Pat & Joana are sisters. Ona is a friend. The group enjoyed their visit together. This was **Joana's** first meeting.

This photo was published in *AAFA ACTION*, Spring 2001, #52, page 84.



**2000 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, Augusta, GA
Descendants of John Seaborn Alford born in 1807 in Louisiana**

Left to right: **Joana B. Breeland** #1142, Sally and Dick Stoewer #0120, Marie and Hugh (Mac) Bateman, Patricia B. Smith #0064, Gil and Mary Alford #0019, and Clif and Jeanne Singleton #0249. This is the largest branch represented at most meetings.

This photo was published in *AAFA ACTION*, Winter 2001, #51, page 84.

2012 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, Houston, TX



Joana Breeland, Tricia McElveen, and Gail Hall receive the certificate for having the most family members present at the reunion.

Joana Breeland won a lovely, quilted wall hanging donated by Ramona Darden.





2002 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, Salt Lake City, UT

Left to right: Robert¹ Merrit, #1132, OR; Marie Bateman; Vesta² Bowden, #0537; TX, Mary and Gil² Alford, #0019, MO; Hugh² Bateman, #1165, LA; Sally² and Dick Stoewer, #0120, LA; Pat² Smith, #0064, MS; **Joana² Breland**, #1142, MS; Jeanne² and Clif Singleton, #0247, LA; Helen³ Steele, #0904, CO; Seanne² Carrigan, #0336, CA; Carolyn⁴ and Will Saunders, #0673, TX; Bob Steele (Helen's husband).

¹ A descendant of William Alford born about 1804 in Georgia

² A descendant of John Seaborn Alford born in 1807 in Louisiana

³ A descendant of Joseph Alford born in 1815 in Louisiana

⁴ A descendant of Edwin B. Alford born in 1792 in North Carolina

NOTE: John Seaborn, Joseph, and Edwin B. were brothers, sons of Jacob Alford born in 1761 in North Carolina.

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2003 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, Little Rock, AR

Back Row, left to right: Clif Singleton (Jeanne's husband); Jessica¹ Tedder (Gil's granddaughter), #1227, TX; Gil¹ Alford, #0019, MO; Mary¹ Davis, #0270, TX; Dick and Sally Stower, #0120, LA; Hugh¹ Bateman, #1165, LA; and Nolan¹ David Alford, #0425, LA.

Front Row, left to right: **Joana¹ Breeland**, #1142, MS; Jeanne¹ Singleton, #0249, LA; Mary Alford (Gil's wife); Pat¹ Smith, #0064, MS; Marie Bateman (Hugh's wife); and Mary Alford (Nolan David's wife).

¹ A descendant of John Seaborn Alford born 1807 in Louisiana

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**2003 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, Little Rock, AR
In the Arkansas Capitol building tour**

Front Row, left to right: Bob and Helen Steele, Evelyn Mistich, Frieda Shepherd, Earline and Max Alford and Pat Smith.

Back Row, left to right: **Joana Breeland**, Ramona Darden, Mary Alford, Dick Stoewer, Robert Thorn and Lynn Shelley.

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2007 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, Dallas, TX
The steps of the Old Red Courthouse

Back Row, left to right: Earl Alford, Max Alford, Ramona Darden, Jim Shelley, and Evelyn Mistich.

Middle Row, left to right: **Joana Breeland**, Earline Alford, Joan Alford, Pauline Alford, Don Alford, Deloris and Jim Bitting, Lynn Shelley, and Helen Steele.

Front Row, left to right: Janice Smith, Vesta Bowden, Janet Hemby, Ron Evans, Doris Vetri, Pat Smith and Bob Steele.

This photo was published in *AAFA ACTION*. Fall 2009, # 86, page 26.



2009 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, Dallas, TX

Left to right: Marie Bateman, #1165, LA; Carol¹ McCoy, TX; Bob Steele; **Joana¹ Breeland**, #1142, MS; Helen¹ Steele, #0904, CO; Deloris¹ and Jim Bitting, #1138, LA; Pat¹ Smith, #0064, MS; Will and Carolyn¹ Saunders, #0673, TX; Jerry Alford, #1054, LA; Earl¹ Alford #0439, MS; Delfina Alford (James' wife); Pauline Alford; James¹ Alford, #1345, MS; Vesta¹ Bowden, #0537, TX; and Evelyn¹ Mistich, #0481, LA.

¹ A descendant of Jacob Alford born in 1761 in Virginia.

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2011 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, St. Louis, MO
Descendants of John Seaborn Alford born in 1807 in Louisiana

Left to right: Nolan David and Mary Alford, Gail Hall, **Joana Breeland**, Sally and Dick Stoewer, Delfina Alford, Scott Ernst, Mary Davis, James Alford and April Ernst. Gil and Mary Alford are seated in front.

2011 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, St. Louis, MO



Joana Breeland
and her niece Gail Smith Hall



Joana Breeland
with her Saturday night prize afghan
(made by Marie Bateman)



**2012 AAFA Meeting/Reunion, Houston, TX
Descendants of Jacob Alford born 1761 in Virginia**

Standing, left to right: Earl¹ and Pauline Alford, Jim Bitting, Joana⁴ Breeland, Helen² Steele, Tricia^{3,4} Hall McElveen, Gail^{3,4} Hall, Sally⁴ and Dick Stoewer, Delfina and James Alford, Mary⁴ Mellard, Stephanie and Mike⁴ Alford.

Seated, left to right: Deloris³ Bitting, Bob Steele, Lorraine⁴ Mabus, Jerry Alford, Evelyn⁵ Mistich.

¹ Also a descendant of William Alford born about 1804 Georgia

² Also a descendant of Joseph Alford born about 1816 in Louisiana

³ Also a descendant of Edwin Barksdale Alford born in 1792 in North Carolina

⁴ Also a descendant of John Seaborn Alford born in 1807 in Louisiana

⁵ Also a descendant of Seaborn John Alford born in 1807 in Louisiana

