

Dallas L. Alford

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DALLAS ALFORD AAFA #342

THE NEWS & OBSERVER
 Raleigh, NC—Sunday, 20 Dec 1992

ROCKY MOUNT—Friends and family
 will pay tribute today to former state
 Sen. Dallas L. Alford, who died Thurs-
 day of pneumonia after a battle with
 cancer. He was 84.

A slightly built man with a face like
 Jimmy Stewart, Mr. Alford was known
 in the General Assembly for his low-key,
 highly effective style of politicking, said
 former House Speaker Joe Mavretic.

"He was a real level person," said
 Mr. Mavretic, who served for four years
 with Mr. Alford. "He was a real pleasant,
 kind, gentle man.... He never made a big
 to-do about anything. He worked
 carefully, though he got a lot of things
 done."

A Democrat, Mr. Alford spent two
 decades serving in the state Senate. His
 major accomplishments were the
 establishment of elementary schools for
 deaf children in Greensboro and Wilson,
 and the building of the Eastern North
 Carolina School for the Deaf in Wilson,
 Mavretic said.

Before that, the state's deaf children
 had to be educated in Morganton, in
 Western North Carolina.

"He really was the patron saint of
 the Eastern North Carolina School for
 the Deaf in Wilson," Mr. Mavretic said.

The school's vocational training wing is
 named after Mr. Alford.

"There aren't a lot of votes in that....
 But he just used his influence, which was
 considerable, to push for it. That speaks
 volumes about him as a man."

The son of the late Dallas L. and
 Sallie Pope Alford, Mr. Alford was born
 in Durham and attended Duke Univer-
 sity.

He owned an insurance and realty
 company in Rocky Mount and was past
 State president of the Jaycees.

He was a Rocky Mount alderman
 between 1939 and 1942, winning his
 first bid for elective office by two votes.
 During World War II, he left office to
 join the U.S. Navy, serving as a lieuten-
 ant commander.

He returned to Rocky Mount in
 1946, and two years later won election to
 the Nash County Board of Commission-
 ers. Eventually he became its chairman.

Between 1959 and 1983, Mr. Alford
 served 20 years in the state Senate.

He held a variety of posts in the
 Senate, including chairman of the
 Education Committee. At one time,
 when attendance was so poor that
 committee meetings were being canceled
 for lack of a quorum, Mr. Alford began
 awarding door prizes to those who
 attended. The committee had nearly
 perfect attendance as a result.

Survivors include his wife of 47
 years, Glenn G. Alford; two daughters,
 Cathy A. Duncan of Cary and
 Margarette Rivenbark of Charlotte; two
 sons, Dallas L. Alford III of Chapel Hill
 and Benjamin G. Alford of New Bern;
 and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m.
 today at the First United Methodist

Church in Rocky Mount, of which he
 was a member. Burial will follow at
 Pineview Cemetery. The family will
 receive friends at the home, 100 Wild-
 wood Ave. Memorials may be made to
 First United Methodist Church, 100
 South Church St.

From another article:

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
 Charlotte, NC—no date

EX-SENATOR, PEANUT PUSHER DALLAS ALFORD DIES AT 84

Former N.C. Sen. Dallas Alford Jr.,
 who was known for leaving bags of
 peanuts on each senator's desk to
 promote the peanut industry of his home
 county, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 1992.

He was 84.

Mr. Alford, who served 20 years in
 the N.C. Senate, represented peanut-rich
 Nash County and lived in Rocky Mount.

In February 1965, while making one
 of his famous "peanut runs" around the
 Senate chamber, Mr. Alford inadvert-
 ently failed to leave a bag on the lectern
 of then-Lt. Gov. Robert Scott, who was
 presiding over the Senate.

Scott took notice.

"I'd like to remind the gentleman
 from Nash," Scott announced on the
 floor with a grin, "that the chair likes
 peanuts, too."

Mr. Alford promptly dispatched a
 bag to Scott's lectern.

Throughout his career, Mr. Alford
 led various task forces dealing with state
 issues. In 1961, then-Gov. Terry Sanford
 appointed Mr. Alford to head a commit-
 tee to study the operation of public

welfare programs in North Carolina. Mr. Alford told The Observer in an interview that the state should support "workable welfare programs." He also said the public was often kept in dark about the facts behind the programs.

A graduate of Duke University, he was former chairman of the Nash Board of County Commissioners and past president of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners. He was past state president of the Jaycees and a former alderman for the City of Rocky Mount.

Mr. Alford's funeral is 2 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church of Rocky Mount where he was a member. Burial will follow at Pineview Cemetery. Johnson Funeral Home is in charge.

Survivors are his wife, Glenn; sons, Dallas Alford III of Chapel Hill, Benjamin Alford of New Bern; daughters, Ms. Cathy Duncan of Cary, Ms. Margarette Rivenbark of Charlotte; 10 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 100 S. Church St., Rocky Mount, N.C. ♦

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b. Aug 8 1908 & d. Dec 17 1992
Lived in Rocky Mount, NC
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