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### COMMERCIAL DISPATCH

Columbus, Lowndes Co., MS  
Tuesday, 10 July 2007

Mrs. Vonceil Alford Strong, 82, passed away Monday, July 9, 2007, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Columbus, MS.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at the Gunter and Peel Chapel.... Burial will follow in Friendship Cemetery....

Mrs. Strong was born January 30, 1925, in McComb, MS to the late Florence Johnston and Dewey Alford. She was a graduate of McComb High School, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, and Purdue University. She briefly worked as a draftsman for South Central Bell in Meridian, MS. There she met and married the late Leroy Strong, her husband of 38 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong moved to Columbus in 1950 where Mrs. Strong became a draftsman for Four County Electric Power Association. She later worked for West & Sons Construction Company as their residential home

designer and for West Realty as a real estate agent. During the 1970's Mr. and Mrs. Strong moved to Leroy's hometown of Bay St. Louis, MS, where Mrs. Strong started her own real estate agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong eventually moved back to Columbus and Mrs. Strong became a self-employed residential home designer. She worked for many contractors in town and designed homes in all of the major areas of Columbus. Most recently, she worked with Bill McBryde in designing homes in Timber Cove, where she lived.

Mrs. Strong was a charter member of the Soroptimist Club. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Lewis Fellowship Sunday School Class.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Strong was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Strong, and her step-son, Kermit Strong of Lakeshore, MS. She is

survived by her daughter, Cindy (Fred) Hayslett of Columbus; daughter-in-law June Strong of Swainsboro, GA; brother, Billy Joe Alford of Hammond, LA; granddaughter, Jennifer Harris of Birmingham, AL; grandson, Jody (Ashley) Harris and great-grandson Macrae Harris of Mt. Pleasant, SC; and special friend Bill Stokes of Ruston, LA. Pallbearers will be Ron Locke, Doug Holland, Larry Harris, Steve Green, Jeff Alford, Joe Alford, Bill McBryde, and W.V. West....

AAFA NOTES: She is not yet listed in SSDI records. Her full name was Edith Vonceil, but she never used Edith. We published the obituaries of her cousins Hilan Alford Magee in September 1991 and Farrol Alford in Fall 2006.

Her lineage: Edith Vonceil 1925 MS<sup>1</sup>, Dewey Hobson 1898 MS<sup>2</sup>, Needham Jasper 1862 MS<sup>3</sup>, Henderson 1829 MS<sup>4</sup>, William 1804 GA<sup>5</sup>, Jacob 1761 NC<sup>6</sup>, Julius 1717 VA<sup>7</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>8</sup>.