



Mr. Landon Alford

July 11, 1935 - December 18, 2013

A memorial service for Landon Alford, age 78 of Henderson, Texas will be held at First United Methodist Church at 2 pm Saturday December 21, 2013 with Reverend David Luckert and Reverend Debbie Tipps officiating. Landon was born July 11, 1935 in Dallas, Texas to John Rogers and Susan Landon Alford and was a life-long resident of Henderson. He passed away December 18, 2013. He was predeceased by his parents, brother John Rogers Alford, Jr., sister Ella Langdon Alford and grandson, Charles Knox Alford.

Landon graduated from Henderson High School in 1953. He attended Southern Methodist University where he met his wife Phyllis Potthast Alford of San Antonio, Texas. They married on April 18, 1957, and graduated from SMU in May of 1957. Landon served in the United States Air Force and the Air Force Reserves.

Nothing was more important to Landon than family. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Phyllis Potthast Alford; sons Dr. Eugene Landon Alford and wife Mary Long Alford of Houston, Benson Warren Alford of Tyler, and David Rogers Alford and wife Mary Frances Engle Alford of Henderson; six grandchildren John Landon Alford and wife Lauren Williams Alford of Houston, Lauren Elisabeth Alford of Kansas City, Mo., Elizabeth Drew (Bess) Alford of Houston, Madeline Susan Alford of New York, New York, Amelia Lucile Alford and Eveline Ella Alford of Henderson.

Landon Alford was a true gentleman who will be missed by many. He leaves a legacy of a life lovingly dedicated to his extended family, the East Texas community, and the development of business to create opportunities for all.

Honorary pallbearers will be the officers and directors of Citizens National Bank and the friends in the Strong-Hurt coffee club.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 204 North Marshall, Henderson, Texas 75652.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
204 N. Marshall
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I knew his children Eugene, Ben, David I didn't know very well, because he was only 3 when we moved away. I knew his wife Phyllis, she is a nice person. Debbie Hayes Brittain,

Debbie Hayes Brittain - January 23, 2017 at 04:27 PM

LR

“ Phyllis and family, I am sorry to learn of Landon's death. He was not only a former neighbor but such a respected community leader. He served with local Chamber of Commerce, supported Henderson and area through leaderships roles in various local organizations and made numerous donations that improved the quality of life for all citizens. He was also active in the Texas Good Roads Association. I am proud to say I had the opportunity to nominate him for East Texas Chamber of Commerce Texan of the Year Award which he won. Billy Goat Lane will never be the same without him. Linda Romer

Linda Romer - January 18, 2014 at 07:50 PM

BH

“ Eugene, Praying for you family at this time of loss. Your Dad and mine had a great friendship back to ATO days at SMU. I remember the hard time given me for attending TAMU with you since I was majoring in Finance wanting a Texas banking career. Your Dad said Eugene has a good reason to attend A&M since he is Pre-Vet, but Bob has got issues. Glad we had those good days at Aston and Dunn. I so appreciated your Dad always taking my calls on banking questions after mine went to Heaven. WE are truly blessed. May God hold you in the Hollow of his Hand.

Bob Hancock
Richmond, Texas

Bob Hancock - December 30, 2013 at 05:22 PM

SF

“ Dear Phyllis and famly, after moving to Henderson only a little more than a year ago, Landon became and will remain an inspiration in my life to do all i can for my family, Henderson, Rusk Co and all our citizens. From the first day i met him in the back room at the pharmacy we never lacked the ability to have interesting and inspiring conversations about life, family and business. I lost my father almost 6 years ago and until i met Landon no one had been able to replace the wisdom, humor and encouragement my father gave me. Landon filled that void for me and I can truly say I've never known anyone for such a short period of time that I will truly miss so much. But just like the passing of my father, I feel as though Landon is still with me providing encouragement and inspiration to be the best man I can be. He was truly a remarkable gentleman and I share in your sorrow but also in your joy that as a Christian he has only passed from one season of life to another.

Steve Fahle

Steven Fahle - December 23, 2013 at 09:02 AM

MB

“ *David: Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your father. To be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord. Blessings to you and your family.*

Marie Brown

Marie Brown - December 22, 2013 at 11:30 PM

RC

“ *Rand, Judy And Pasty Cates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford*



Rand, Judy and Pasty Cates - December 22, 2013 at 06:32 PM

RC

Sorry for your loss, praying for the family during this time.

Rand, Judy and Pasty Cates - December 22, 2013 at 06:34 PM

BS

“ *Praying for you and your family during this time of loss...*
Beverly and Randy Schorre

Beverly & Randy Schorre - December 22, 2013 at 12:28 PM

MA

“ Eugene,
When someone says 'perfect gentleman', your dad immediately comes to mind. He was one and he raised one. We are so incredibly sorry for your loss. Tim and I have you in our hearts and in our prayers.

Much love,
Mona & Tim Ashmore

Mona Ashmore - December 22, 2013 at 09:39 AM

MA

“ Mona Ashmore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford



Mona Ashmore - December 22, 2013 at 09:36 AM

RD

“ Dear Phyllis, Gene, Ben and David: When I first arrived in Henderson as a new teacher Landon was one of the first I met. At that time I knew of his love and respect for his family and Henderson. He accomplished so much through his actions and as a mentor to others for Henderson. I wish you peace and all the great memories we all had for Landon. The plaque on the wall of my home that bears the name Landon Alford will always be cherished as well as my association with with Phyllis and your young men through the schools. May God Bless you and comfort you.

Ray Deason

Ray Deason - December 22, 2013 at 07:57 AM

RS

“ *Rena Stiefel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford*



Rena Stiefel - December 21, 2013 at 11:00 AM

PA

“ *Patricia Akin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford*



Patricia Akin - December 21, 2013 at 08:39 AM

CB

“ *Landon was one of Texas finest gentlemen. Our condolences go out to the Alford family. We pray that God will bless you and that his comfort will give you peace.*



Cliff Bilbo - December 21, 2013 at 06:01 AM

Hollis
Yates

“ *Everyone loved Landon!
Margie always enjoyed him in Kiwanis.
The coffee club will forever be thinking of him.
I will miss him and Charlie Richardson driving over to the
Dealership. I would often see the two of them sitting in the car at the
Dealership, and I would walk over and ask, what are you fellows
doing? They would smile and say, we aren't doing anything! 'we just
wanted to come over here and talk, all the while still smiling, and
Landon would say and we like looking at the new cars!!! He and
Charlie would laugh!
Such a wonderful man! Always encouraging and upbeat!
Hard to imagine Landon not around in our Henderson!
Praying for the Family.*

Hollis & Margie Yates

Hollis Yates - December 21, 2013 at 04:30 AM

KC

“ *Kim Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Landon Alford*



Kim Cobb - December 20, 2013 at 11:42 PM

MJ

“ *Landon had a smile and a nice greeting for
everyone he met. He was a true
"Gentleman".....Henderson will feel his loss.
Johnny and Mary Jackson*



Mary Jackson - December 20, 2013 at 04:16 PM

RE

“ I always considered Landon a true gentleman and statesman. When Landon spoke people listened due to his earned trust and respect. He was a great man with strong family values and connection to his community. Landon was recognized and inducted as a TxDOT Road Hand many years ago for his comprehension of community opportunities associated with transportation infrastructure. He was a true champion for Henderson and for TxDOT. For that we are grateful for his public service and offer our sincerest condolences to the entire Alford family for the loss of a great patriarch, leader and friend.

Randy Hopmann
Tyler District Engineer, TxDOT

Randy Hopmann, Tyler District Engineer, - December 20, 2013 at 04:09 PM

CM

“ Connie Repp Merritt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford



Connie Repp Merritt - December 20, 2013 at 01:45 PM

KD

“ I was saddened to hear about Mr. Alford. He was truly an outstanding man that left a lasting impression on myself as well as my parents, Lobis and Linnie Clay. My prayers are with you during your time of loss. His memory will forever be in my heart.

Kim Clay Dixon

Kim Dixon - December 20, 2013 at 12:48 PM

JP

“ Landon was my classmate for twelve years in Henderson schools. Even as a teenager, he was a "true gentleman." He has been a blessing to Henderson, to his family, to his many friends, and to his church. We will miss his gentle smile and friendly greeting.

Joan Carlisle Propes

Joan Carlisle Propes - December 20, 2013 at 12:12 PM

CT

“ Words could never express what Landon Alford has meant to my family! I can't remember back far enough to remember when Landon's name was not spoken in my family's home. He was a man of his word and true to his friends. One of my fondest memories was when I entered a walk-a-thon and Landon donated \$10 a mile. The walk was for 10 miles. He never thought that I would walk the whole 10 miles. But true to his word he gave me the \$10 a mile. That was a \$100 that he donated. My Daddy, Angus Mims, always laughed about that! He told me that Landon would always think twice about sponsoring me again. I know that Daddy and Landon are already talking about the fun times they had together! Love you Mrs Phyllis and the Boys.

Cathy Mims Thompson - December 20, 2013 at 11:43 AM

BM

“ Landon Alford was a man of unquestionable integrity and compassion. I remember how well he took care of his mother in her later years. He never thought he was better than anyone and would always take out time to answer a question. My thoughts are with the family at this time.

*Billy F. Martin
Longview, Texas*

Billy F. Martin - December 20, 2013 at 10:03 AM

SM

“ I have nothing but fond memories of Landon... he always treated me and my family with respect and kindness through the years, as has his entire family. He will be greatly missed! Our prayers are with the entire family.

Steve and Sandy McMurray

Steve McMurray - December 20, 2013 at 09:15 AM

AM

“ What a privilege and joy to have known Landon and raised my children in the church and community he made better. I will keep the memory (among so many) of him sitting with his best friends in the back room of Strong-Hurt Pharmacy telling stories about his life in Henderson. To his family, thank you for sharing him with us. His legacy continues!

Anne McCrady - December 20, 2013 at 08:32 AM

JS

“ My condolences go out to the Alford family. God bless you and may His comfort give you peace.

Jamie Skelton - December 20, 2013 at 08:17 AM



“ Sarah Prewett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford



Sarah Prewett - December 19, 2013 at 11:56 PM

WG

“ *Weldon Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford*



Weldon Gray - December 19, 2013 at 10:51 PM

CM

“ *Claudia Morgan-Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford*



Claudia Morgan-Gray - December 19, 2013 at 10:50 PM

JP

“ *Jeff And Sherry Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford*



Jeff and Sherry Price - December 19, 2013 at 10:40 PM

KV

“ *My prayers are with y'all at this difficult time. I remember Mr. Alford as a quiet, unassuming man who touched many lives. May God give you peace and comfort in memories of special times spent together..... Kathy Cox Villarreal*

Kathy Cox Villarreal - December 19, 2013 at 09:50 PM

CR

“ Our family is so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Lacy and Charles Rader and family.



Charles Rader - December 19, 2013 at 09:47 PM

RV

“ I pray for you at this time. My fondest memory is Mr. Landon asking what he could do to support a new community program. I was sitting next to him in a hospital board meeting in 2003. I pray for your family to know how much Henderson loved him. And to feel the angel wings wrapped around you at this time. Lord have mercy.

Roberta Vallantyne - December 19, 2013 at 09:41 PM

RB

“ Russell And Kelly Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford



Russell and Kelly Brown - December 19, 2013 at 09:23 PM

JF

“ Phyllis, It saddened me to hear about Alford. He will certainly be missed by all of his many friends and the town of Henderson. My prayers and concerns are with you and your family. Jane Fahle

Jane Fahle - December 19, 2013 at 02:28 PM

JK

“ Joe & Cecilia Koch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford



Joe & Cecilia Koch - December 19, 2013 at 01:20 PM

JY

“ Jim And Wilma Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford



Jim and Wilma Young - December 19, 2013 at 01:17 PM

CW

“ Johnny and I are so sorry about the loss of this great man. It is hard to imagine our town without him. God's comfort to you all at this sad time.

Cyndi Walker - December 19, 2013 at 11:03 AM

DD

“ Debra And Holly Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford



Debra and Holly Dorsey - December 19, 2013 at 09:57 AM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Landon Alford*



Bob & Sue Henderson - December 19, 2013 at 08:53 AM

BM

“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Alford . When you think of Henderson, the history and rebirth of downtown, Landon's name will always be remembered. He was Such an upstanding businessman of our city who led by example and leaves behind a great legacy of family. Praying for peace, understanding and comfort for the family.*

Becky Jolley Massengale

becky massengale - December 19, 2013 at 07:04 AM

TF

A giant among men whose foot prints are seen everywhere he went and walked. And those who knew him realized he was a very special man. Thank you Alford family for sharing him with us. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Terry Fauble

terry fauble - December 24, 2013 at 08:55 AM