



Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford

March 29, 1935 - December 26, 2025

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford, 90, of Henderson, will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 29, 2025, at First Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Debbie Tipps officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Great Hall of the church.

Mrs. Alford will be laid to rest at Lakewood Memorial Park.

Mrs. Alford passed from this life on December 26, 2025, in Henderson. She was born March 29, 1935, in San Antonio to the late Eugene and Mabel Potthast and was a life-long United Methodist. Phyllis graduated from Alamo Heights High School in 1953 and went on to attend Southern Methodist University where she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Education. It was at SMU where she met the love of her life, Landon Alford, and the two were married on April 18, 1957, and shared 56 years together until Mr. Alford's passing in 2013.

Mrs. Alford shared her husband's deep love of family and devoted her life to taking care of her family and home. Mr. and Mrs. Alford played a huge part in shaping the lives of their children and grandchildren. She also cared deeply for the city of Henderson, her home since 1959, and she dedicated her time, her talents and her resources to making her community a better place. Her

work through the Alford and Rayford Foundations locally and MD Anderson Cancer Center will reach far beyond her time here on earth. Mrs. Alford served on multiple civic and service organizations but was most proud of the Renaissance Club which she worked tirelessly for 66 years to build and ensure its legacy.

The epitome of a southern lady, one would always be greeted with a smile and a warm welcome. Keeping the focus on her friends, she would always ask about your family and their well-being ahead of her own interests.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years Landon Alford, grandson Charles Knox Alford, and her sister Cynthia Potthast.

Survivors include her children Dr. Eugene Landon Alford and wife Mary Long Alford of Houston, Benson Warren Alford and wife Lisa King Alford of Tyler, and David Rogers Alford and wife Brooke Box Alford of Henderson; grandchildren John Alford and wife Lauren and their children Harper, Landon and William, Bess Alford Gore and husband Darren, Lauren Alford Sinovic and husband Seth and their children Hattie and Eveline, Madeline Alford and husband Zach Lanier, Amelia Alford Turner and husband Ethan, Eveline Alford McNabb and husband Lehman, Tucker King and wife Brittany and their children Wyatt and Pierce, and Tanner King; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other family, and many friends. The family would also like to acknowledge and express their sincere gratitude to Soledad Rezendez, Lou Barron and Vanessa Barron for their dedication and love of Mrs. Alford over the last few years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Renaissance Club at P.O. Box 1322, Henderson, TX 75653.

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

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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204 N. Marshall St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Sending prayers for your family.. Your mom was such a wonder lady and was just a joy to be around.* ”

Sherie Tillison - January 10 at 01:51 PM

DB

“ *So Sorry For Your Loss To The Alford Family's and Pottast Family May The Lord Bless And Keep You, My Brothers and I Were Friends With Her Kids and Our Mother was Friends With Her.* ”

Debbie Hayes Brittain - January 08 at 07:08 PM

PC

“ *Paula Crim lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford* ”



Paula Crim - January 06 at 07:36 PM

LB

“ *Condolences to the Alford family. Ms Phyllis was a beautiful soul and so caring to everyone. Prayers for all family.* ”



Linda Bridges - January 02 at 11:26 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear of her passing. She was a very kind lady and always glad to see me. She will be missed

Susan Barrett - December 31, 2025 at 08:22 PM

PA

“ Patricia Akin lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Potthast Alford



Patricia Akin - December 30, 2025 at 12:09 PM

RS

“ Robbie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Potthast Alford



Robbie Stephens - December 30, 2025 at 10:03 AM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Potthast Alford



Gary Wilkerson - December 30, 2025 at 08:26 AM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss. Phyllis was a great lady.



Barbara Bowman - December 29, 2025 at 10:01 PM

KB

“ Kelly And Russell Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford



Kelly and Russell Brown - December 29, 2025 at 11:25 AM

BS

“ Brad & Lou Ann Standard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford



Brad & Lou Ann Standard - December 29, 2025 at 11:04 AM

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford



Amy Miley-Payne - December 29, 2025 at 10:22 AM

KH

“ *Mollie & Ken Hale*



Ken Hale - December 29, 2025 at 10:06 AM

DH

“ *My deepest sympathies and prayers to your family! Mrs. Alford was the epitome of graciousness and warmth. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Danette Heffner - December 29, 2025 at 10:02 AM

JH

“ *Jerry And Carol Phillips Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Jerry and Carol Phillips Harris - December 29, 2025 at 08:58 AM

NR

“ *Your mom was a beautiful lady inside and out. I have so many wonderful memories of the graciousness of her and your Dad in the days of CNB. Thoughts and prayers for you all
Nelwyn*



Nelwyn Richardson - December 29, 2025 at 08:19 AM

DA

“ Prayers

Donna Dorsey Aaron



Donna Dorsey Aaron - December 29, 2025 at 07:47 AM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Brent Hale - December 29, 2025 at 06:53 AM

LP

“ *Linda Linthicum Prior lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Linda Linthicum Prior - December 29, 2025 at 12:16 AM

JR

“ *It has been a real joy to have known Phillis. keeping the family in my prayers.*

Janis Rutherford - December 28, 2025 at 09:45 PM

JR

“ *Janis Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Janis Rutherford - December 28, 2025 at 09:45 PM

PP

“ *Paul & Lisa Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Paul & Lisa Powell - December 28, 2025 at 07:17 PM

SJ

“ *Sandy & Jon Johnston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Sandy & Jon Johnston - December 28, 2025 at 07:00 PM

CH

“ *David and family, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She and Landon were so gracious and kind. Prayers for you all.*



Ceil Higginbotham - December 28, 2025 at 06:59 PM

SM

“ *Sandy Ferguson McMurray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



sandy ferguson mcmurray - December 28, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DS

“ *We send our deepest sympathy to the family during this time of sorrow. May the Lord grant each of you comfort and peace.*



Doyle and Margaret Sumrall - December 28, 2025 at 06:19 PM

AR

“ *Although the family's loss is huge and significant, you must know that there are many other people who share this loss with you. Your dear Phyllis held a significant place in many people's lives in her own quite way -- personally, I will miss our conversations both in person and by phone. At the end of a conversation with Phyllis, you had experienced her quiet grace, her calm, her attention and her sharing. . .you knew that the time you had spent was with her and her alone. Phyllis managed to make you feel very important because she gave you her time, her attention and she listened to what you had to say, even if she might not agree with you completely. You had the opportunity to express your thoughts -- that kind of graciousness is becoming a lost art. She will be missed!!!*

Art Rousseau - December 28, 2025 at 05:51 PM

MH

“ *Missy Hacker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Missy Hacker - December 28, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ *Eugene and David,
I am truly sorry for your loss. I was blessed to know your mother.
She was a good friend to Billie and a true lady. I am glad I was able
to visit with her fairly recently.
Cathy Hooper*

Cathy Hooper - December 28, 2025 at 05:13 PM

KP

“ *Kathy Porter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Kathy Porter - December 28, 2025 at 04:30 PM

WP

“ *Our prayers lift the family to God for His mighty comfort and peace...* 🙏🙏🙏

Wendell and Anne Pool - December 28, 2025 at 04:27 PM

GA

“ *Family, Phyllis and I were casual friends though the Methodist church. I cold called her a couple of times, years apart, for information to help me personally. She did the same to help other people. Phyllis was a generous, caring lady, and with Landon raised a family of boys with textbook etiquette and the same willingness to give. This is a small part of her legacy.*

Gay Allen - December 28, 2025 at 04:26 PM

SH

“ *Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Sue Henderson - December 28, 2025 at 03:06 PM

JT

“ *Prayers for all the family.*



John Taylor - December 28, 2025 at 03:05 PM

BP

“ *Eugene, Ben, David, and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother carried warmth, strength, and grace in quiet ways. Those qualities stayed with you and has shaped your family. You are in my thoughts during this difficult time.

Ben Patterson - December 28, 2025 at 03:04 PM

PP

“ pud patterson lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Potthast Alford



pud patterson - December 28, 2025 at 01:59 PM

CW

“ Our deepest condolences.



Connie R. Watson - December 28, 2025 at 12:51 PM

CW

“ I’m so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a lovely lady. Most of my memories are from your school years with Barry, David. When I told him your mom had passed away he replied “ That’s sad. She made tuna melts for us. “ You and your family are in our prayers.
Cyndy Willard

Cyndy Willard - December 28, 2025 at 12:36 PM

DW

“ Dianne Wylie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford



Dianne Wylie - December 28, 2025 at 12:14 PM

HC

“ *Harriet Craig lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Harriet Craig - December 28, 2025 at 10:25 AM

JJ

“ *Jason&Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Jason&Susan Jarrell - December 28, 2025 at 10:18 AM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Elaine Davis - December 28, 2025 at 10:17 AM

WP

“ *Wes Partin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Wes partin - December 28, 2025 at 10:10 AM

CT

“ *Chuck Towe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford*



Chuck Towe - December 28, 2025 at 09:20 AM

BF

“ *This is a photo of Phyllis Alford with Lauren and Seth’s baby Eveline. There is nothing as sweet as a great grandma snuggling with her great granddaughter. Phyllis and her husband with God’s grace created and nurtured a beautiful family that has and will continue to grow. She loved well and will be remembered fondly by those who knew her well and by those like us, who knew her best by the fruits of her love.*



Bill and Martha Sinovic’s family - December 28, 2025 at 09:15 AM

SS

I had the pleasure of being Phyllis’s travel buddy to many places including New York, Santa Fe, London, and cruises! She enjoyed the shopping and musicals as much as I did! She was an avid Mahjongg player, and she was rarely beaten. I will miss her words of wisdom and constant encouragement!

Sandra Siler - December 28, 2025 at 03:27 PM

MB

“ Margaret Green Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford



Margaret Green Brown - December 28, 2025 at 08:41 AM

JW

“ Joey Watts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford



Joey Watts - December 28, 2025 at 08:28 AM

RG

“ Randy Griffith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford



Randy Griffith - December 27, 2025 at 11:30 PM

LW

“ Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Potthast Alford



Lacy Weaver - December 27, 2025 at 09:12 PM

BG

“ Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.

Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - December 27, 2025 at 07:36 PM

LT

“ I'm sorry to hear this,I will miss our weekly visits in the salon.She was a very sweet Lady.Our prayers are with all of you.Liz&Rickey Thrasher

Liz Thrasher - December 27, 2025 at 07:10 PM

SL

“ My condolences to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Susan Lingle - December 27, 2025 at 06:59 PM