



Alba Royce Alford

November 13, 1947 - February 18, 2014

Services for Alba Royce Alford, Jr. 66, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. Ray Davis and Rev. Gary McDonald officiating.

Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Alba Royce Alford, Jr. passed away February 18, 2014 under the care of Hospice of East Texas. He was born November 13, 1947 in Kilgore to Alba Royce, Sr. and Lorene Thrasher Alford.

Royce attended the University of Texas where he graduated with a Bachelors of Mechanical Engineering degree with honors. In Tyler, he worked for Howe Baker, PetroFac and most recently KP Engineering in Tyler.

Royce was a Christian who loved and trusted his Lord. He was an endearing husband, a proud father, adoring grandfather, a dependable, loving big brother and a trusted giving friend. He was a man of great integrity and character.

Royce had a superior work ethic. He lived out Micah 6:8, "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Royce was genuine and lived his faith. He shared that faith with his family and friends. His life is a testimony for Christ and our lives are richer because we knew him. He was a quiet and gentle man and we loved him greatly.

Royce was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving family including his college sweetheart and wife of

43 years, Patricia Lightsey Alford; daughters, Amanda Murphy and husband Matt of Wylie and Allison Cunningham and husband Jason, of Warner Robins, GA; grandchildren, Cole and Sadie Murphy, Adiah and Ava Cunningham; mother-in-law, Dana Lightsey of Center; sister, Holli Hagler and husband Gary of Keithville, LA.; brothers, Rick Alford and wife Millie of Houston, Steve Alford and wife Sheila of Henderson, and Mitch Alford of Tyler; brother-in-law, Mike Lightsey and wife Mary Ann of Crockett; and many loving nieces and nephews and lifelong friends.

Pallbearers will be Pete Ministrelli, Neal Autin, Brandon Steele, Bill Heimbaugh, Ken Fischer and Kent Bradley.

Honorary pallbearers will be The Carpenter Sunday school class of First Baptist Church Whitehouse, Employees of KP Engineering, Danny Wyatt, Jerry McFadden and Mike Allen.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:30 –8:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 1301 S. Broadway, Tyler 75701 or First Baptist Church Whitehouse, Building Fund, 801 E. Main St. Whitehouse, 75791.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Great friend, great co-worker, great person,
the best of the best!*
Bobby Hood



Bobby Hood - February 20, 2014 at 12:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Alba Royce Alford.*



February 20, 2014 at 12:26 PM

AG

“ *Allen & Michelle Garrison, Macon, Ga purchased
the Tranquil Seas for the family of Alba Royce
Alford.*



Allen & Michelle Garrison, Macon, Ga - February 20, 2014 at
11:07 AM

KA

“ Royce was the next door neighbor you pray your parents will have. And after my father passed away, he and Pat were so wonderful to help my mother when she needed it. The Lord bless and keep you, Pat, in the coming days. We know Royce will be so missed, but also that heaven is now his home; and trust that blessed assurance will be with you and the family in the coming days ahead.
Our love and prayers,
Karen and John Allison

Karen - February 20, 2014 at 09:32 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alba Royce Alford.



February 20, 2014 at 07:34 AM

MB

“ I remember when we were all little and played together-----Mikie was always sweet and caring and I was so proud to call him my first cousin.
He was such a nice person----and so kind & gracious.
Mazie

M Elkinsary Beth - February 19, 2014 at 11:51 PM

MA

Mazie, Thank you for being there to honor our brother. You have always been the bright light of the Foley family. Love you and please never change. Mitch

mitch alford - February 21, 2014 at 11:25 AM

JF

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Jo Foley - February 19, 2014 at 09:39 PM

MA

JO Nell, your presence meant the world to us all, thanks for the kind words and memories.. Mitch

mitch alford - February 21, 2014 at 11:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Alba Royce Alford*.



February 19, 2014 at 03:33 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray* was purchased for the family of *Alba Royce Alford*.



February 19, 2014 at 03:06 PM



“ *Imagination Blooms was purchased for the family of Alba Royce Alford.*



February 19, 2014 at 01:27 PM



“ *Mark and Mary Andros purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Alba Royce Alford.*



Mark and Mary Andros - February 19, 2014 at 11:07 AM