



Elward Alford

October 29, 1912 - February 1, 2006

Services for Elward B. Alford, 93, Tyler, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Stewart Family Funeral Chapel with Dr. Jerry D. Elrod officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Alford passed away Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006 in Tyler. Elward was born to the late Lawrence Allen and Margaret Swanzy Alford on Oct. 29, 1912 in Shelbyville. He lived in the Tyler and Palestine area since the end of World War II. He proudly served as a sailor on the USS Lexington being one of the first sailors to enter Tokyo after World War II. During his career as School Superintendent of Westwood I.S.D., he saw it develop from a four room country school to a Class 3A school and always had a great affection for his students. After retirement, he became director of Trinity Valley Teachers Credit Union. He was a member of Noonday U.M.C. and past member of Holmes Chapel U.M.C. in Palestine. He served his community as City Councilman in Palestine for three terms and Mayor Pro-Tem one term. He was also a member of the Palestine Lions Club. Elward will be remembered for the service he gave his community and great love he had for his family. Elward is survived by his loving family including his daughters, Judith McDonald and husband Pace III of Palestine and Jo Quinata of Gresham; son, Kenny Alford and wife, Melinda of Lavon; seven grandchildren, Amanda Estes, Pace McDonald IV, Lorena Quinata, Matthew Quinata, Leilani Quinata, Noel Quinata, and Sarah Kate Alford; seven great-grandchildren; and dear friend, Ophelia Causey of Grand Saline. Pallbearers will be Kenny

Alford, Matthew Quinata, Noel Quinata, Jack Estes, Pace McDonald III, and Pace McDonald IV. Memorials in honor of Mr. Alford may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

HR

“ Ken,

My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. God's blessings upon you at this time,

Henry H. Ross - February 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Alford was like a second Father to me. I am sure Jo Elaine and I gave him a run for his money when we were teenagers. I will never forget the "serious talk" we had when he found out I was engaged to a "Yankee". "Are you sure?" he quizzed. For 32 years we exchanged Christmas greetings. I enjoyed hearing about the his pusuits and the grandkids. I admired and loved Mr. Alford. I will miss him. ... and yes Mr. Alford that Yankee worked out OK.*

Carlynn and Dave Thompson - February 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Kenny, I wanted to let you know I was sorry to hear about the death of your father. Good parents are a special blessing.*

Candy

Candace McNeill Turner - February 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I WILL MISS THIS GUY SO MUCH . HE WAS THE BEST MAN TO MY MOTHER AND THIS FAMILY.HE ALWAYS CALLED AND WE HAD GREAT CONVERSATIONS. MY MOTHER WILL MISS HIM GREATLY SHE HAS WONDERFUL MEMORIES TO HANG ON TO.*

DIANE GRIMES - February 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM