



## Warren Eugene Alford

October 29, 1926 - July 29, 2020

Warren Eugene Alford passed away July 29, 2020 in Kansas City, KS, at the University of Kansas Hospital. Warren was born October 29, 1926 in Chanute, KS, the son of Warren Hoyt Alford and Nola Ruth Webb Alford. He attended Lincoln and Murray Hill elementary schools, Royster Junior High, and graduated from Chanute High School in January, 1944. He immediately enlisted in the US Naval Air Corps as an aviation cadet, where he was sent to college to train as an aeronautical engineer. He was discharged in January 1946. He married Ona Naomi Starr, who was also from Chanute, on February 27, 1946 in Liberal, KS. Warren worked at many jobs in Chanute prior to his graduation - as an usher at the People's Theater, carrying blocks of ice for Chanute Ice & Storage, and at Bell Body Shop. In 1950, he joined the US Army Reserves, and was activated during the Korean War, serving in Mineral Wells, TX. During his time in the Reserves, he also worked at Tabor Motor Company and for the City of Chanute.

Warren and Ona moved back to Chanute in 1952, just in time for the birth of their daughter, Carolyn Kay Alford. Warren continued working for the Ford dealership in Chanute, as it was sold and became Hellard-Hill and then Merle Kelly Ford. In 1965, he moved to Wichita, KS to work as a claims supervisor for Shelter Insurance Companies, and retired January 1, 1989. He and Ona then moved back to Chanute to enjoy their retirement. After Ona passed away in 1990, Warren renewed a friendship with a high

school friend, Mary Lou Cooper. They spent many happy years traveling the world.

Warren loved photography, travel (he had been to 51 countries and every continent except Antarctica), and anything to do with aviation and aircraft. But most of all, he loved his family and friends.

He is survived by his daughter, Carolyn Alford Hatcher, and son-in-law Steven Hatcher; brothers Alfred Allison and Ronald (Evelyn) Allison; sister, Barbara Deane; nieces Debra Lawrence, Sandy Allison, Terry Love, and Lorie Deane; nephews Tom Blancett, Dan Deane, and Rick Blancett, and his special second family – Larrie (Terri) Cooper, Steve (Trudi) Cooper, and Cindy Smith (and their families), as well as many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ona, his sister, Pearl Blancett, his friend Mary Lou Cooper, nephew, Marion Jay Allison, and an infant daughter, Cathy Deeann Alford.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 10:30 am at Memorial Park Cemetery, there will be no visitation, however viewing will be prior to the service at the graveside. Military honors will be presented by the Chanute American Legion. At the request of the family, to keep everyone safe, they respectfully request all attendees wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidafh.com](http://www.countrysidafh.com). Memorials are suggested to either the American Legion Post #170 301 N. Evergreen, Chanute or the Chanute Historical Society and Museum 0 E. Elm St., P.O. Box 259, Chanute and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Some of my favorite memories from my childhood, were staying at Aunt Ona's and Uncle Warren's. He would chauffeur Carolyn Kaye and I around, treating us as two little Princesses. We are sending a gift to The American Legion, in his honor.*

*Debra Allison Lawrence*

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**Debra Lawrence** - August 07, 2020 at 11:49 AM

PB

“ Warren was one of my many wonderful cousins, of who range from being born in 1923 until 1956.

*I was born in 1945 so I don't remember the earlier years of knowing the older cousins until I grew up.*

*Then Warren and the rest of my older cousins became a very large part of my life.*

*Warren always had a way of getting around to everyone at our 86 reunions and visiting and remembering the memories of the past.*

*I could drop in at his lovely home and stay and talk and he loved that. Meeting for the cousin breakfast was another highlight of our cousins and he was always there.*

*He encouraged me many times when I was trying to keep our reunions alive.*

*I have great admiration for him as well as Steve and Carolyn.*

*We both will miss seeing him. He always talked to Dan about DOC THE B 29 BOMBER.*

*IT'S HARD TO LET GO BUT WE ALL HAVE GREAT MEMORIES.*

*One time, after all the cousins had left after one of our breakfasts, I was alone without Dan that time, and I moved over to sit with Warren.*

*There we were. And we sat there and talked until the cafe was getting ready to serve lunch!*

*We had been there from 7:30am until 11:30. And we had a one on one conversation for hours.*

*WHAT MEMORIES.*

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**Pauline Webb Broyles** - August 03, 2020 at 01:46 PM

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“ Carolyn and family Rod and I are so sad to lose our friend and neighbor of many years. Warren was a genuinely kind and true gentleman. He was so good to keep an eye on our home in chanute from going over and turning up the heat when we were coming to visit to letting in repairmen and even going over every day to fill the food dish for me for hungry neighborhood cats. And oh his beautiful photos of our spring flower gardens when we were unable to be there to see them. Most of all we will miss our many summer evening wine times on our front porch hashing and rehashing our memories of growing up in chanute.  
Our last wine time was spent recently in his home where he brought out his finest crystal goblets for the three of us to once again (and for the last time) share a bottle of Grigio and all those wonderful memories. Rest In Peace dear friend.  
Rod and Muffy (Truitt) Miller

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**Muffy (Truitt) Young Miller** - August 01, 2020 at 01:27 AM

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“ My memory of my relative of this special man is filled with sadness. My mother Lucille Webb always talked well about him Will miss his smile and sending sympathy to his family. Don and Delores Webb Westfall. Godfrey il

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**Delores Webb Westfall** - July 31, 2020 at 10:45 PM

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**Dan Deane** - July 31, 2020 at 10:21 PM