



## Walter "Wally" C. Alford

February 13, 1949 - October 24, 2024

Walter C. "Wally" Alford, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, passed away Thursday, October 24, 2024 at age 75. Wally was born on February 13, 1949, in Atlanta, Georgia. The third son of Charles J. Alford, Jr. and Elanor L. "Lynn" Alford (Petry) in Tucker, Georgia, Wally is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lynn Ernest Alford, son Carlton Alford and Patricia Anne Alford (grandchildren Ryan and Daniel Alford), daughter Laura A Cochling and Eric Cochling ( grandchildren Aidan, Elise and Grant Cochling), son John Alford and Gypsi Alford (grandchildren Emerson and William Alford) and son Coleman Alford and Casey Alford (grandchildren Charlie, Cameron and Conor Alford); brother Charles J. "Buzz" Alford, III and Jean Alford.

Wally grew up in the Tucker community, was a member of his local Boy Scout Troop, and played clarinet and varsity football for Tucker High School where he graduated in 1967. A veteran of the National Guard, Wally attended the University of Georgia, where he earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration from the business school (1970) and later a Juris Doctor, cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law (1973). Wally practiced law for many years in Tucker, becoming a fixture of the Tucker and DeKalb County legal community, and was General Counsel and Director for Tucker Federal Bank. Wally was a lifelong musician, having studied piano and clarinet in his youth, performed in rock-n-roll bands in college, and in his later life, mastered the banjo and dobro as a frequent performer of bluegrass, which was his favorite form of music. In addition to his passion for music, Wally was

an enthusiastic supporter of the Scouting movement, as Den Leader, Cubmaster, and Scoutmaster. Wally and wife Lynn volunteered together as trainers of adult leadership in the BSA Wood Badge program and in later years Wally helped found the Tali Atsila Outdoor Skills Program along with serving on the board of directors for the Northeast Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA, with Rev. Jim Buckman officiating. The family will receive friends Sunday, November 17th from 12: 00 PM until time of service at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Walter "Wally" Alford to the James E. West Fellowship, NE Georgia Council, P O Box 399, Jefferson, GA 30549 or Boy Scouts of America, at <https://www.nega-bsa.org/donate>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Celebration of Life

NOV 17. 2:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Lynn and family,  
I loved Wally. I will honor his memory as long as I continue in this life. He was outstanding in his profession and his musicianship, and widely known for his kindness and generosity. He was a particularly proud and adoring family man.  
God bless you all,  
Art Cole

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**Art Cole** - November 04, 2024 at 02:28 PM

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“ Lynn I am so sorry to hear about Wally. I have such fond memories of the bluegrass band that he and Ray played in. Practice at our house and the kids having so much fun getting them their beverages. I hope he and Ray can make great music again in Heaven.

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**Becky Teems** - October 31, 2024 at 06:55 PM

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“ Lynne, my heart goes out to you, and to Carlton, Cole and Laura... been flooded with memories...I'm not sure what I believe about heaven...but if all that's true...I'm betting Ernie's glad to see him... maybe some pork on the grill...rest as easy as you can...RIP...Pat

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**pat garner** - October 30, 2024 at 05:09 PM

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*Lynne, I was a classmate of Wally's and always admired his academic and variety of involvements (scouting, sports, music, and community). Riding the same bus home his stop always ran thoughts in my mind as to how did his Dad push Wally and his siblings to such rewarding success in every involvement. Wally was an inspiration and contributed so much to all that knew him and his family. RIP. Eddie Segars*

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**Edward M Segars** - October 31, 2024 at 11:02 AM