



**Shawn Denise Alford**  
*April 7, 1970 - February 15, 2009*

Shawn Denise Alford, age 38, of Allen, Texas passed away February 15, 2009. She was born April 7, 1970 in West Chester, Pennsylvania to Robert and Sharon (Akers) Sandlin. On April 5, 1997 Shawn married David Alford in Dallas, Texas. She was a member of the Allen Quilter Guild. She is survived by her husband, David Alford of Allen, Texas; parents, Robert and Sharon Sandlin of Dallas, Texas; cousins, Kyle and Jill Byrd and her niece, Gigi Byrd. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at Eastridge Park Christian Church, 2701 N. Town East Blvd., Mesquite, Texas 75150. Rev. Dan Carroll will officiate. Memorials may be made to Operation Kindness, 3201 Earhart Drive, Carrollton, Texas 75006, [www.operationkindness.org](http://www.operationkindness.org).

## Memorials

*Sorry I just heard of the loss. My prayers are with the family*

**GINA ELDREDGE, APRIL 12, 2011**

*Shawn you will be missed dearly. I pray your family is healing and will have peace in remembering the years they spent with you. I lost a child the day you were sent to Heaven. I can only picture the two of you in Heavenly peace with our Lord. I will never forget the sleep overs we had in Grade school and how sweet and innocent you were. My life was enriched for knowing you. You were a blessing.*

LISA ANN HAMPTON-MEDINA, APRIL 12, 2011

*OMG! My friend from Lake Highlands High School. We had several classes together and shared so many personal tragedies and stories. I was always close to her then due to her sickness and many scares of death due to her ovarian cysts in school. After graduation we lost contact and for many years I tried to reconnect to only find out tonight of her passing. Shawn, you were a strong wonderful young lady as I remember you from high school. I'm sad we lost contact and wasn't able to share more with each other over the years. You're in a better place and those left behind will remember your strong spirit and positive attitude. God Bless you!*

MARC L. ODENHEIMER, APRIL 12, 2011

*I'm sorry for the loss you've had must be hard to lose your wife The one who was there everyday and added to your life I don't know what to say David I'm really quite in shock But nothing can hold back our lord or turn back lifes clock She's up there in Heaven now of this you can be sure Waiting til it's your time to come Her love's still clean and pure I'm really sorry for your loss I don't know how it feels I've only lost my Father And that pain never heals I know you are in turmoil But so many people care There's nothing else I can say Except she's always there. Sorry for your loss and this is the only way I can express myself in these situations. Take care and GOD BLESS you my friend.*

JAMES RAY EAKINS, MARCH 12, 2009

*David, My sincere condolences to you in your loss of your loving wife. My families prayers go out to you. Peace.*

MARTY LESSER, FEBRUARY 21, 2009

*At times like these it is always hard to express feelings to words.... Stay strong.... keep going..... and always remember the good times..... Shawn lives on in our hearts & memories..... My family's prayers are with you.*

KEVIN MITCHELL, FEBRUARY 19, 2009

*My deepest sympathy for your loss. I did not know Shawn, I saw her obituary in the paper today. I was very moved by her designation of Operation Kindness as her memorial, which tells me a lot about what kind of person she was and*

*inspired me to follow suit. God Bless you and your family.*

**DANIELE BURRIS, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

*David, Valerie's and my thoughts are with you, your friends and family as you pass through this trying time. Please know that you have our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers.*

**W. J. LAZERUS, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

*Tracy and I send our heartfelt condolences to the family.*

**DOUG KIRKEY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

*Dear David, Being no stranger to the loss of a beloved family member, I still find it difficult to put into words my heartfelt sympathy. I love the Alford family as if it were my own and my heart goes out to you my Brother. You are in my thought's and prayers Michael*

**MICHAEL SAPERTON, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

*David, what a lovely service! Shawn was such a special person and one who was loved by many, many people. Her shining spirit touched with whomever she came into contact and that love was very evident today. Our hearts ache for your loss and the pain you are going through; however, your faith and God will see you through this dark time and hopefully you will then be able to have those special memories of your too-brief time together to bring a smile back to your face. Much love, Sherry and Richard*

**SHERRY AND RICHARD HAVENS, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

*David, My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you. I know that only time will take away your pain, but please know you have many friends to help you. God bless. Wayne Lambert*

**WAYNE LAMBERT, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

*David, We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers, our thoughts and our hearts are with you. The Stevens Family*

**CARL STEVENS, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

*David, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Words are never enough at times like this, you are surrounded with love from all who know you.*

**RANDY(ROWDY) BONIFAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

*David I know the pain you are suffering like few others and my heart aches with you. I know that time can help the pain and the Lord will not only take care of Shawn in heaven but will also heal you here on earth. I will forever remember Shawn out on the Rio Negro in the 100 degree heat having a great time fishing with me. I hope that you can remember all the great moments that the two of you had and cherish those. I have many other hopes and prayers for you that I just can not seem to find the words to write. God bless you brother*

**TOM W ALFORD, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

*David, We are so sorry to hear about Shawn. Shawn will always be with you; her spirit and good will be part of you no matter where you go. Shawn loved you very much and we know you will miss her terribly. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Rich & Deneen Tate*

**RICH & DENEEN TATE, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

*I'm trying to think of something comforting to say but words don't come. I hurt for you and your family. I'm thinking and praying for you. Hang in there, God is with you. Gary*

**GARY LARR, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*It was nice to know someone like Shawn, she was a very sweet person. I'm very sorry to hear about this . My wife Kasey and me want to offer our prayers to David Alford and his family . Shawn with be missed.*

**MICHAEL SHAWN LOGAN, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*David, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope the following passages bring you strength and comfort. Psalm 37:39 The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble 1 Peter 1:3-9 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith,*

*being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith the salvation of your souls.*

**BRETT LEBO, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

**MATTHEW AND RENEE WALKER, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*There has been no one that I have come to respect, admire and love in such a short period of time as I have Shawn. Her smile, her contagious spirit and hope always drove me to return to her bedside at the hospital. She thought I came there to minister to her; but she ministered to me. She loved David and after getting to know him, I understand why. Her life was short; but her love will live for eternity. I am grateful to Dudley and Bobby Perry for introducing her me. She made a difference in this preachers life. Love, Bro. Dan*

**DAN H. CARROLL, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*Dear David, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers through these difficult times. Jon Reed Matthew 11:25-30 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

**JON D. REED, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*Shawn Alford was as sweet a person as could ever be. Her suffering is over now. May she rest in the arms of the Lord throughout eternity. Our thoughts and prayers are for Shawn, her husband David, and their families.*

**THOMAS NEAL WATKINS, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*David, Tom Oates called me last night to give me the news. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. take care Armistead*

**ARMISTEAD WRIGHT SAPP, III, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*I remember joining Eric on show site in Maui and my daughter and I were boarding a boat for a day cruise. We looked over and saw this cute couple in*

*matching Hawaiian shirts that were obviously on their honeymoon getting on the boat. Everyone was enjoying their undeniable "bliss" and the boat crew was taking tons of photos. It wasn't until near the end of our cruise that I realized it was David & Shawn! I've never had the chance to spend time with either of them, but if their faces that day was any indication of their precious years together then I know they were blessed. You and your family are in our prayers David. Stay strong and lean on those around you. Eric & Barbara Hagstrom*

**BARBARA HAGSTROM, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*Shawn Denise was a sweet lady. I will miss quilting with her. I had hoped she would overcome her illness and would become a regular part of our quilt group again. May God give comfort to her Husband and family.*

**JANET RHOADES, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*David, my wife and I will keep you and your family in prayer not only for this moment but always. Will & Doris Tyler*

**WILL TYLER, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*David, You and your family are in our prayers. We are sorry for your loss, but she is now in a better place with no more pain! We love you brother...*

*Remember, the lord will never give you more than you can handle, even when it seems the contrary. God has a plan for you in your life, so keep your head up and look to him for the strength to get through this. If there is anything you need sir, just call. Love, Mike and Charlie Fratus*

**MIKE JON FRATUS, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*May the love you shared together, and the fond memories you have always hold a special place in your heart. Our thoughts are with you!*

**TODD & KATHE HALL, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*Dear David -- Dub and I just wanted to tell you how very, very sorry we are about Shawn's passing. We didn't get to be around her very often since we live so far away, but the times that we were together, I remember her sweet spirit and sweet smile. I guess the most vivid memory I have of her was at Daddy's 85th birthday party three years ago, when I noticed her across the room in this*

wonderful cowboy hat and, I believe, a turquoise outfit. She just seemed to "sparkle", and I remember her laughter that day. I know you brought each other great joy and love in your lives, and I'm so grateful God brought you together, albeit for much, much too short a time. One verse comes to mind that I will leave with you, in the hope that it brings you comfort. Isaiah 40:11 -- "He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart." She's safely home now. Please know that we will pray for your peace and comfort.  
Much love, Marsha and Dub

MARSHA AND DUB HICKS, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

*David you will be in our prayers, I am so sorry for your loss.*

MICHAEL J BIRD, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

*My heartfelt sympathies-- you and Shawn have been in my prayers for years now. I know it's cold comfort now, but I have faith that she is with her Creator, free of pain and more whole than any of us can imagine. "God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."*

DAVE POOSER, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

*Shawn was a very dear precious niece. We shall miss her so much. Our deepest sympathy to you, David, and to Bob and Sharon and all the family. We shall remember her smiling face and sweet disposition always.*

UNCLE RABY AND AUNT LENOLA ALFORD, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

*I will truly miss my shopping trips to the quilt stores with Shawn Denise. We loved the same fabric and patterns and would have so much fun looking. She was so sweet and thoughtful and I will miss the encouragement she always passed out. I am a better person from spending time with her. My prayers are with you and your family. May God grant you peace.*

JOELLEN BRILL, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

*David, We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love, The Wolf Family*

SHERRI WOLF, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

*David, My heart goes out to you in you time of loss. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know.*

**GREG EMERY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

*We send our love and prayers to your family on the loss of your sweet Shawn. May the Lord sustain you and give you His peace. Love, Mark and T*

**MARK AND T ANDERSON, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

*David and Steve- My thoughts are with you and your family. I am sorry for your loss. Tom Gassner Maritz Interactions*

**TOM R GASSNER, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

*David, I and my family have prayed for you already and will continue to do so in in the coming days. We're sorry for your loss, but know that God will see you through. Sincerely, Michael, Lisa, Alyssa, Maria and Sophia Valletta*

**MICHAEL VALLETTA, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

*We're sorry for your tragic loss, and pray for your peace. David, if you need anything please don't hesitate to call. You are in our prayers. David Cleaves Ten Eighty Media*

**DAVID CLEAVES, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

*We are truly sorry for your loss.*

**FAITH HAYGOOD, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

*Shawn was the best thing that ever happened to my brother David. From the moment they met it was evident they were meant for and completed each other. Shawn brought much joy to Alford family gatherings, and she will be deeply missed. We had some wonderful times on holidays, taking a family Caribbean cruise, and on a once-in-a-lifetime family vacation to Brazil. Shawn bravely fought a painful gastrointestinal illness for nearly three years, but she is no longer in pain and is now feasting in heaven with her Lord. We will miss you Shawn, but you will forever be a part of us. P.S. I forgive you for being an Eagles fan.*

**STEVE ALFORD, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

*I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. - PJ*

**PAUL "PJ" JACKSON, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

*David- My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family in this trying time. If there is anything that I can do for you, please let me know. You were always good to my family, all of Alford was. Thank you for always being so fair. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**PAULA J PARKS, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

*David Faith and myself is so sorry for your lost, there are no words to say. If you need me for anything please call and it will be done. Love you in christ.*

**PAUL A HAYGOOD, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

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