



## Amanda Alford

August 29, 1952 - December 3, 2012

Conway...Amanda Kay Alford, 60, of Perry Street, died Monday, December 3, 2012 at her residence.

Mrs. Alford was born in Conway, a daughter of the late Homer Collom and Thelma Mae Johnson. She was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Collom.

She was a member of Jamestown Baptist Church where she served for over 30 years as Sunday School teacher with first through third grade children.

"Miss Kay," as she was affectionately known to so many, sewed 40+ years for practically every young lady in Conway and surrounding areas whether it was a dance costume, cheerleading outfit, prom attire, or wedding dress. She also stitched "many a dress and costume" during the 20 years that she worked for The Carolina Opry, and she prided them as extended family. "The next chapter" of her life as she called it started in May 2007, as she encountered cancer and led a beautiful and long battle that allowed her to share her testimony of faith with anyone who would listen. "Always seeing the glass as half full," Kay remained gracious throughout her challenging journey. Losing her eye in 2010 allowed yet another leap of faith as she held tightly to a favorite verse that she frequently delivered to her friends and family: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" Hebrews 11:1.

Surviving are her husband, Frankie R. Alford of Conway; a son, Clayton R. Alford and wife Wendy of Richmond, VA; a daughter, Amanda A. Roof and

husband Justin of Conway; four grandchildren, Amanda Gray Alford, Anna Claire Roof, Dylan Roof, and Andrew Roof; two step grandchildren Austin and Collie Rogers, and a brother, James Bryan Collom and wife Cindy of Aynor. Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Friday at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Kyle Randle, Rev. Robbin King, and Rev. Lynn Peters officiating. Entombment will follow in Hillcrest Mausoleum.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 PM Thursday at the funeral home.

The family extends sincere gratitude to the host of doctors and medical staff at the Medical Univeristy of South Carolina who enabled her to live many years more than the initial diagnosis. Memorials may be sent to Jamestown Baptist Church Children & Youth Ministries, 2501 9th Avenue, Conway, SC 29527.

Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (ET)  
First United Methodist Church of Conway  
1001 5th Avenue  
Conway, SC 29526  
<http://www.fumcconway.org/>

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ *If I had only known....  
Thank you dear lady for all the hours and days of love and kindness  
you put into every thing you sewed for Cammie. God has gained a  
great angel*

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**DEBRA STYBERG GARRETT** - January 15, 2021 at 07:45 PM

WA

“ *I love you and miss you Kay.*

*Wendy*



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**Wendy Alford** - October 27, 2013 at 12:33 AM

JW

“ *JOYCE WINSTON lit a candle in memory of  
Amanda Alford*



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**JOYCE WINSTON** - April 24, 2013 at 07:03 PM

RE

“ *"...in his hand are the souls of every living thing..." Job 12:10  
I share your sorrow for the passing of your mother as Kathy left this  
world one week earlier on Nov. 26. There must have been a roll call  
for some angels to return home at the same time. Warmest  
thoughts and prayers for His peace to give you comfort.*

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**Richard Embrey** - December 13, 2012 at 01:49 AM

DS

“ Mrs. Kay was such an amazing woman, and she definitely brought a light into my life every time I saw her. My heart and prayers go out to the Alford family. Mrs. Kay will be truly missed.<3

DeLaney Smith - December 10, 2012 at 09:20 PM

HQ

“ Dear Frankie, everyone here is thinking about you and your family and sending love and prayers. What a beautiful lady she was. All the neighbors will continue to pray for you and your family during this time of grief. I know you miss her terribly. Hayden Q.



Hayden Quattlebaum - December 09, 2012 at 02:56 PM

DJ

“ Guerry and Darnell Jordan



Darnell Jordan - December 07, 2012 at 03:54 PM

RG

“ Frankie and Children, Our thoughts and prayers are going your way tenfold. The loss is great though the legacy is tremendous. We are thinking of and praying for you from Pawleys Island, Rickie and Richard

Rickie and Richard Goldberg - December 07, 2012 at 12:41 PM

RF

“ *Rogers Family lit a candle in memory of  
Amanda Alford*



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**Rogers Family** - December 07, 2012 at 12:18 PM

RF

*Alford Family,  
You are in our prays. May God be with all of you. She touched our lives  
and thank you for sharing her with us. Connie, Cindy Rogers Cupps,  
Christina Rogers Brooks and Cathrine Rogers*

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**Rogers Family** - December 07, 2012 at 12:21 PM

LC

“ *Frankie, Mandy and Justin,*

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this  
time of grief and sorrow. Miss Kay was a precious lady and virtuous  
woman of God - who always had a smile on her face and managed  
to positively touch the lives of so many. Our family holds so many  
dear memories of the times that our lives were touched by her love,  
laughter, peace and beauty.*

*May the love and mercy of God continue to give you peace, comfort  
and strength during this time.*

*Love,*

*Glenn, Lora, Mark and Nikki Curry*

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**Lora Curry** - December 07, 2012 at 09:32 AM

MR

“ Frankie, Mandy & Clay, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the Lord bring peace to your hearts. Love you always, Martha Ray



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**Martha Ray** - December 07, 2012 at 09:25 AM

SM

“ Susanne Calhoun Molter lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford



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**Susanne Calhoun Molter** - December 06, 2012 at 06:36 PM

HT

“ My oldest memory of "Miss Kay" is of her helping me get ready for my baptism at Jamestown Baptist Church when I was 12 years old. The love behind her hugs and encouragement lasts forever. She altered my prom dresses and eventually my wedding dress in 2004 that I got from Mandy. My cousin Tara has kept us up-to-date with her health and how the family is doing. The Alford family has always been in the hearts and prayers of the Winburn's, and that will not change. I'm sure Mama Helen is with her now :-) Sending love and peace to you.

Holly (Floyd) Thorpe  
Charleston, SC

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**Holly F. Thorpe** - December 06, 2012 at 01:37 PM



“ *Mandy,  
We have always loved the beautiful smile and welcoming hugs each of us encountered whenever seeing Mrs. Kay. We know that God will give each of you comfort during this sorrowful time. Please call on us if we are ever needed. We love you all.  
Sally, Tasheema, Yaminah and Zipporah*

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**Yaminah Jordan** - December 06, 2012 at 11:46 AM

SH

“ *Mandy & Justin,  
We are saddened to hear of the loss of your mother. She fought a long battle with great courage. May your memories give you strength with each passing day. We will keep you both in our thoughts. Steve and Nancy Hucks*



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**steven hucks** - December 06, 2012 at 10:37 AM



“ *Margaret Shelley lit a candle in memory of  
Amanda Alford*



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**Margaret Shelley** - December 06, 2012 at 08:48 AM

KC

“ A young girl enters Sunday School at Jamestown Baptist Church for the first time and meets her Sunday School teacher. A beautiful woman, small in stature, simply known as "Miss Kay" greets the young girl as if she were her own. The young girl would take a liking to this woman for many reasons. She would go on to be amazed at her seamstress skills. The woman would be by the girls side during every fitting for her wedding gown alterations and even make the the girls veil.

*Miss Kay had a way of making you feel special. Her words were always kind and geniune. She truly was an example and inspiration to everyone she met. She gave meaning to the phrase "To know her is to love her"*

*Grace, Patience, Resilience, Talent and Faith would all be accurate descriptors of this amazing woman. To say she will be missed has to be the understatement of the decade.*

*To Many, Clay & Frankie...You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Much Love,  
~Kristina Rogers Cook~*

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**Kristina Rogers Cook** - December 06, 2012 at 02:51 AM

KC

*\* To Mandy, Clay & Frankie...You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kristina Rogers Cook** - December 06, 2012 at 02:56 AM

MC

“ *Mary Cook lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford*



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**Mary Cook** - December 05, 2012 at 09:57 PM

SM

*Kay was one of the sweetest women I have ever know. She was very special to everyone that knew her and she wil be greatly missed. My heart goes out to Frankie, Mandy and Clay and the rest of her family.*

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**Susanne Calhoun Molter** - December 06, 2012 at 06:28 PM

YJ

“ *Yaminah Mishoe Jordan lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford*



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**Yaminah Mishoe Jordan** - December 05, 2012 at 09:31 PM

KH

“ *Keith And Rebecca Hardwick lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford*



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**Keith and Rebecca Hardwick** - December 05, 2012 at 07:45 PM

CK

“ Carolyn {Truett} Katona lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford



Carolyn {Truett} Katona - December 05, 2012 at 06:43 PM

CM

“ She will be surley missed my family and friends. James&Cammie McIntosh



cammie mcintosh - December 05, 2012 at 04:50 PM

TU

“ The Updegraffs lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford



The Updegraffs - December 05, 2012 at 04:46 PM

TR

“ The Rouhselangs lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford



The Rouhselangs - December 05, 2012 at 02:21 PM

BA

“ Beverly Ambridge lit a candle in memory of  
Amanda Alford



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**Beverly Ambridge** - December 05, 2012 at 01:58 PM

BA

“ Dear Mandy and family,  
What an honor to have known such a strongwilled, loving, spiritual  
and beautiful lady that never gave up hope. I will always remember  
the day you cut your hair in her honor.  
Enjoying you all as part of our Lazy River family truly has enriched  
our lives. We love you and pray that you feel the Peace, Mercy and  
Grace of the Lord as He wraps you in His arms during this difficult  
time.  
HUGS,  
Ms. Beverly, Mr. Tom and Missy

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**Beverly Ambridge** - December 05, 2012 at 01:57 PM

EH

“ Evelyn Hammond lit a candle in memory of  
Amanda Alford



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**Evelyn Hammond** - December 05, 2012 at 01:47 PM

EH

“ Dear Alford Family:

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. I loved Kay very much.*

*Love, Evelyn Hammond*

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**Evelyn Hammond** - December 05, 2012 at 01:46 PM

SB

“ To the Alford Family:

*In your sorrow, may there be peace....In your thoughts, may there be love....In your hearts, may there be healing. Psalm 147:3 promises: "He is healing the brokenhearted ones, and is binding up their painful spots."*

*My condolences,  
SJB.*

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**S.J. BROWN** - December 05, 2012 at 01:11 PM

LL

“ Dear Frankie, Mandy and Clay,

*We were saddened to read about Kay's passing. We can all draw strength from her by knowing and seeing the fight that she put up against a horrible disease. It is our sincere wish that you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. May the love of God grant you the peace and strength that each of you will need.*

*In Christ's love,  
Lamar and Kathryn Lewis*

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**Lamar & Kathryn Lewis** - December 05, 2012 at 01:05 PM

PJ

“ *Peggy James Johnson lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford*



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**Peggy James Johnson** - December 05, 2012 at 12:51 PM

PJ

“ *Peggy James Johnson lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford*



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**Peggy James Johnson** - December 05, 2012 at 12:51 PM

NC

“ *Mandy and family,  
Your Mama was such a precious lady. I remember as a little girl going to your house for her to make my cheerleading uniforms and a couple of flower girl dresses. I feel honored to have known her for so many years. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I know my Mama and her are looking down smiling at us now. Love you,  
Natalie Jordan Cooper and family*

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**Natalie Jordan Cooper** - December 05, 2012 at 12:06 PM

TL

“ *Tim & Peggy Lee lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford*



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**Tim & Peggy Lee** - December 05, 2012 at 10:02 AM

TM

“ Ms. Kay made me "pretty" more times than I could possibly count. The Opry girls know that Kay could make a ballgown from tissue paper and a paper clip in 10 minutes flat! But she did far more than dress us, she was a Momma and a friend. She was proud of us, but she was honest. She sent many of us down the aisle, and then made blankets for our babies. But her legacy is her family and her faith. You couldn't have a conversation with her that didn't involve those two elements. She was a beautiful example of a virtuous woman.

*Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:*

*“Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all.”*

*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Give her the reward she has earned,  
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*

*Proverbs 31:28-31*

*She will be so missed by all of us, but what a welcome she must've received at heaven's gate! Frankie and Mandy....my prayers and love are with you.*

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**Tangena Church Mishler** - December 05, 2012 at 09:26 AM

CA

“ Carey & Cynthia Alford lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford



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**Carey & Cynthia Alford** - December 05, 2012 at 08:41 AM

RG

“ *Randy And Joyce Gore lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford*



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**Randy and Joyce Gore** - December 05, 2012 at 08:40 AM

SS

“ *Susan Eargle Soucy lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford*



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**Susan Eargle Soucy** - December 05, 2012 at 07:51 AM

SH

“ *Our condolences to the family. We did not know Amanda but have known Frankie since 1984. May the peace of the Lord be with you at this time. Shirley and Fred Hutcheson, Pawleys Island, SC*

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**Shirley M Hutcheson** - December 05, 2012 at 07:43 AM

PS

*I met Kay through my sister, Nadine Godwin. Over the years I came to know Kay as my sister's best friend and was able to spend some time with her whenever I was in Conway. What a real sweetheart . . . I am blessed to have known her. Our condolences to the family.*

*Paul & Tamra Stanley  
Lake Wylie, SC*

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**Paul Stanley** - December 05, 2012 at 11:03 AM

JS

“ *Mandy and Justin,  
Thinking of you both during this very difficult time. She was such a  
special woman and a true role model for anyone she came into  
contact with.*

*With love,  
Julie Shealy  
Chapin, SC*

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**Julie Shealy** - December 05, 2012 at 07:37 AM



“ *Shirley Floyd lit a candle in memory of  
Amanda Alford*



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**Shirley Floyd** - December 05, 2012 at 07:25 AM



*So thankful that I was able to share time with one of God's angels while  
she was here on this earth and that one day I will be able to see her  
again. Touched so many lives in such a postive way. What a legacy!  
Praying for all the family and friends during this difficult time.*

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**Shirley Floyd** - December 05, 2012 at 07:30 AM

MW

“ Kay, your beautiful self, inside and out, will surely be missed. With love, you stitched many things for my two daughters, Darla and Dana, as well as for me. We had lots of wonderful chats while you measured this and that. I remember so well when you went to Dana's wedding and made sure the dress you made for me looked "just right". You are a "special" person. A "lady" such as you will always be in our hearts.

Mary Watts

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**Mary Watts** - December 05, 2012 at 07:01 AM

KB

“ Aunt Kay, You and I have always shared a special bond because of Christopher. You could always read my heart so well. You always said my crown would be so big never realizing for a minute at how enormous yours was going to be. I loved you so much and you touched my life every single day of yours. You said Christopher was a testimony walking around, I say you were!! I could just feel heaven rejoicing the day you left us and went to heaven, what a day, a glorious day that will be!! You will be so missed but there is no way we cannot rejoice knowing that you are with the king of all kings. Until we meet again. We love you!!!! <3



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**Kim Alford Bell** - December 05, 2012 at 06:39 AM

CF

“ Chappel Fisher lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford



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**Chappel Fisher** - December 05, 2012 at 05:48 AM

CA

“ *To the Alford Family:*

*The death of a loved one is always devastating, but especially so, when that one is so very, very, sweet as Miss Kay. Hold tight to cherished memories....Lean on each other for support....And look to God's Word, the Bible, for comfort and strength. James 4:8 encourages; "Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you."*

*My condolences,  
CSA*

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**Candida Stalvey Alford** - December 05, 2012 at 04:55 AM

SS

“ *Shirley J Sellers lit a candle in memory of  
Amanda Alford*



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**shirley j sellers** - December 04, 2012 at 11:37 PM

DD

“ *Dorothy J Dunn lit a candle in memory of  
Amanda Alford*



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**Dorothy J Dunn** - December 04, 2012 at 10:31 PM

FR

“ Frankie lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford



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**Frankie** - December 04, 2012 at 09:28 PM

AR

“ The entire family of 'Miss Kay' has my dear & deepest sympathy. She meant the world to my daughter & myself. It's hard to imagine how many lives she touched during her lifetime. She always was positive in anything she was doing. May GOD bless the family of 'Miss Kay' during this very difficult time! She will surely be missed & I'm sure she's watching over all of us now!

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**Arlene G. Rogers** - December 04, 2012 at 08:08 PM

AR

“ Arlene G. Rogers lit a candle in memory of Amanda Alford



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**Arlene G. Rogers** - December 04, 2012 at 08:02 PM

LS

“ *The first memory I have of her was when I went into her shop for a pageant dress in 6th grade. She helped me find a beautiful wedding gown and turned it into a fitted pageant dress. She spent so long on that dress to make it just right. Ever since then she always had a smile on her face when I came in the store. My sincerest condolences to the family and friends. She was an amazing woman.. I know she is helping hem all the angel gowns in Heaven :)*

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**LeAnna Stanley** - December 04, 2012 at 06:41 PM

TC

“ *Kay Alford, What a great woman and friend. She always had a smile and good word to say even when you knew she felt bad and didn't know what the rest of the day would bring. If only we all could live life the way she saw it. Myself and all the people that were blessed to meet her will miss her very much. God Bless You Kay.... Thomas Crosland*

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**Thomas Crosland** - December 04, 2012 at 05:00 PM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Amanda Alford.*



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December 04, 2012 at 04:52 PM