



## Dr. Leon Jehu AlFord Jr.

March 23, 1935 - March 21, 2025

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Dr. Leon Jehu AlFord, Jr., age 89, passed away on Friday, March 21, 2025 surrounded by his family.

Born March 23, 1935 in Conway, he was the son of the late Leon Jehu Alford, Sr. and Juanita Shelley Alford. Dr. AlFord proudly served in the United States Army.

He obtained an A.B. degree from Wofford College, a BFT degree from American Graduate School of International Management, an MEd from Florida Atlantic University, and a PhD from University of Kansas.

Dr. AlFord is survived by a son, Jason T. AlFord (Erin) of Lauderhill, FL; two grandchildren, Jennifer Michelle AlFord and Christopher Andrew David AlFord; one brother, John Ashley Alford of Conway (Marilyn); and a nephew, John Ashley AlFord II.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, March 29, 2025 at Hillcrest Cemetery with Rev. Bill McCown officiating.

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Highway 544  
Conway, SC 29526

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Dr. Alfred was a significant influence on my life at Deerfield Beach high school in 1974 and 1975. He became one of my very best friends, confidence, and the advisor not just in school but in life. Dr. Alfred became my greatest cheerleader as a man and influenced me to pursue English in college I never would've done without his influence. He used to personally attend my track meets and even drove me to the state meet my senior year that is how significant a friendship we had. I ate dinner at his home with his wife at the time many times. When I struggled in a dating relationship and was needed advice and council, I literally walked to his home about 8 miles away in the middle of the night.*

*He believed in me at a time when I really needed that support. I am truly saddened to hear of his passing. I had wanted to visit him many times over the years, but never had the opportunity to do so. He always believed that would eventually be in the pastor and indeed I became very involved in Christian ministry most of my life now and I'm continuing to do so.*

*Dr. Alfred was a truly significant Friend) and advisor in my life in high school. I'm grateful for him and saddened by this loss.  
Sincerely, Louis Escalante.*

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**Louis Escalante** - May 23 at 08:34 AM

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*Truly, sorry about all the typos. I dictated the post. He would've appreciated my sincere chagrin regarding the grammatical errors.*

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**Louis Escalante** - May 23 at 08:36 AM