



## John Edgar Alford, Jr.

August 5, 1971 - August 26, 2024

John Edgar Alford Jr., a resident of Huntington Woods and formerly South Lyon, passed away on Monday, August 26, 2024, at the age of 53. Born on August 5, 1971, in Detroit, Michigan, John was the cherished son of John and Edna Alford.

John graduated from Garden City High School and went on to build a remarkable 31-year career as a toolmaker and project manager with Guardian Manufacturing. His dedication to his craft was evident in every project he undertook, but his true passion lay in the time he spent with his family and friends.

An avid sports fan, John's heart was with the Detroit Lions, and he enjoyed nothing more than sharing his love of football with his children, especially through fantasy football with his son. John was a man who loved to work with his hands, always taking on new projects and constantly working on his home. He once told his wife, Elise, that he wanted to finish all the remodeling before turning 60.

John's love for travel took him and Elise on adventures across Alaska, Europe, and various baseball parks around the country. Every year they embarked on a new journey, creating memories that would last a lifetime. Whether it was helping friends or entertaining loved ones at their cottage on

Lake Thirteen in Farwell, Michigan, John was always there, offering his kindness and skill.

John was known for his willingness to help anyone, anytime. He was truly "that guy" who could do it all, a one-of-a-kind person who touched the lives of everyone he met. John was a devoted husband, doing almost everything with Elise, and a loving father who coached softball and baseball for his children. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Beloved husband of Elise. Loving father of John Alford III and Sarah Alford, and step-father of Shannon (Owen Hurley) Smith, Brendan Smith, Michelle Smith, and Sarah Smith. Dear brother of Belinda (Mike) Crider and Everett (Lori) Bradley Smith Jr. Proud uncle of Kristin (Dan) Smith, Benjamin (Liz) Crider, Jacob Smith, and Shannon Smith. Doting owner of Bassett hounds Chloe and Brandy.

A visitation for John will be held on Friday, August 30, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Friends and family will gather on Saturday, August 31, from 10:30 am until time of service at 11:00 am at the funeral home. John will be laid to rest at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 30.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 31.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CV

“ *Elise (Lisa as John would say)  
I terribly sad, and so sorry for your loss.  
I can only say, John was an extraordinary man (truly)  
Honest to a fault. A true gentleman, a dedicated individual, to you  
and the kids.  
It makes me sad to know he's gone.  
I'm sorry I'm not there with you, but I hope you understand.  
Chris*

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**Chris Venticinque** - August 30, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..*



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August 30, 2024 at 02:47 PM

LK

“ *Love Kim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edgar Alford,  
Jr..*

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**Love Kim** - August 30, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..*



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August 30, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *Don and Linda Connelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edgar Alford, Jr..*

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**Don and Linda Connelly** - August 30, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..*



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August 30, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ *Chris, Erin, Jamison Avery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edgar Alford, Jr..*

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**Chris, Erin, Jamison Avery** - August 29, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



August 29, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ Love, Robert & Alexis Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



Love, Robert & Alexis Johnson - August 29, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ Kim N, Simran G, Suzanne S & Pat F planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edgar Alford, Jr..

Kim N, Simran G, Suzanne S & Pat F - August 29, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ Kim N, Simran G, Suzanne S & Pat F purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



Kim N, Simran G, Suzanne S & Pat F - August 29, 2024 at 05:17 PM

WY

“ We love you purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



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**We love you** - August 29, 2024 at 02:05 PM

AF

“ Aunt Cheryl and Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



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**Aunt Cheryl and Family** - August 28, 2024 at 10:09 PM

BF

“ John, such a loving, caring, kind hearted and gracious man. He touched the lives of many and truly impacted mine. My favorite memories of John are the summer weekends we were able to spend with him and Elise at the lake house. My family and late boyfriend looked forward to the great family weekends Elise and John always hosted. We loved it so much and I was so appreciative that they allowed me to place some of Chuck's ashes at the place that brought us all so much joy. Not having you there will definitely not ever be the same but there is no doubt we will continue to keep our beautiful memories of you alive as we enjoy the future visits to the cottage that you so graciously shared with all of us. Our lives were all made a little brighter because you became a part of our family. ❤️❤️❤️ You will be missed so much.  
Love, Aunt Cheryl, Cousin Beth and family.

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**Beth and family** - August 28, 2024 at 10:03 PM

KL

“ Kristin, Dan, Ben, and Liz purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



Kristin, Dan, Ben, and Liz - August 28, 2024 at 08:00 PM

DF

“ Denise Stevens and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



Denise Stevens and family - August 28, 2024 at 07:55 PM

RM

“ Ronald D MacDonald purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



Ronald D MacDonald - August 28, 2024 at 07:30 PM

RM

“ Ronald D MacDonald planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edgar Alford, Jr..

Ronald D MacDonald - August 28, 2024 at 07:30 PM

JE

“ Jane Evans purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



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**Jane Evans** - August 28, 2024 at 05:39 PM

JE

“ Jane Evans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edgar Alford, Jr..

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**Jane Evans** - August 28, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



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August 28, 2024 at 04:52 PM

DO

“ Dave Oliver purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



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**Dave Oliver** - August 28, 2024 at 04:07 PM

DO

“ Dave Oliver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edgar Alford, Jr..

Dave Oliver - August 28, 2024 at 04:07 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



August 28, 2024 at 03:17 PM

FC

“ Friends & Family at Guardian Mfg. Corp. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edgar Alford, Jr..

Friends & Family at Guardian Mfg. Corp. - August 28, 2024 at 03:17 PM

LW

“ Love Arthur Walberg purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of John Edgar Alford, Jr..



Love Arthur Walberg - August 28, 2024 at 03:13 PM

LW

“ Love Arthur Walberg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edgar Alford, Jr..

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**Love Arthur Walberg** - August 28, 2024 at 03:13 PM