



Ruth Curtis Alford

March 15, 1904 - April 16, 2012

Ruth C. Alford died peacefully on April 16, 2012 at the age of 108. Her funeral service will be held at First United Methodist Church of Laurel at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20. Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m. in the church atrium. A private burial will follow the service. Ruth was the daughter of the late Rev. Louis F. Alford and Carrie Curtis Alford. Born in Meridian MS, Ruth attended Laurel public schools and graduated from Laurel High School. She obtained a bachelor's degree from Millsaps College in Jackson MS and returned to Laurel to spend her career teaching fifth grade in Central Elementary and later at Fifth Avenue Elementary. She later earned a master's degree from Mississippi Southern. Though she never married, Ruth was a second mother to her nine surviving nephews. She was a devout Christian. As a member of First United Methodist Church in Laurel she taught children's Sunday School Classes and was active in the Wesleyan Service Guild. She was a founding member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter of professional women educators in Laurel. She served as its first president and was a delegate to several national conventions. For the last twenty-four years Ruth was a resident of Live Oak Retirement Community in Shreveport LA. Ruth had a unique way to communicate love and caring to everyone she met – even when her eyesight and hearing failed in her last years. Her sister, Ida Louise Noblin summed up Ruth's character: "I never knew you to do anything wrong," she wrote. Of few in this world could this be said. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial gifts to First United Methodist Church or to Methodist

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“ *Deepest Sympathy - What a very kind lady Miss Alford was - I had her for 5th grade teacher at Stainton Elementary in Laurel, MS - What a real treat to have her for my teacher. Thoughts and prayers are with everyone at this time. Treasure your memories. Kristy Christiansen Graves*

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