**Kahlúa Chocolate Almond Cake**7½ oz. finely ground, unblanched almonds
5 eggs, separated, plus 2 yolks

3/4 cup sugar 1 pinch salt 1/2 cup Kahlúa

Beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually beat in 1/4 c. sugar until stiff. Beat yolks with 1/2 c. sugar to a pale lemon color. Add almonds, salt and 1/4 c. Kahlúa. Mix well and fold into egg whites. Pour into greased 9" springform pan, bottom-lined with greased wax paper. Bake at 300° for 60-65 min. Loosen sides of cake from pan with sharp knife, cool 5 min. Remove sides, invert on rack to remove wax paper. Turn over and cool. Drizzle cake with 1/4 c. Kahlúa before frosting.

**Kahlúa Frosting** 

Melt 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate tidbits in top of double boiler. Cool slightly. Gradually stir in ¼ lb. sweet butter, cut into chilled pieces, and 2 tsp. instant coffee dissolved in ¼ c. Kahlúa. Mix well. Chill until spreadable. Frost and decorate with candied cherries.

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