



## Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III

May 11, 1939 - August 6, 2023

Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III, 84, of Huntsville, Texas passed from his earthly body into an eternal life in heaven on August 6, 2023. Nedom was born to Nedom Conway Jr. and Lillian Aleen Muns on May 11, 1939, in Corsicana, Texas.

Nedom's life abruptly changed when at the age of 9, he learned of the sudden death of his father. He went on to become a distinguished professor, motivational speaker, husband, and father. This moment was the beginning of his fulfilling his destiny.

Nedom graduated from Corsicana High School, where he played baseball, that started in the sandlots around Navarro County. He went on to receive a full scholarship to play baseball at Navarro Junior College. Baseball allowed him to continue his education, again receiving a full athletic scholarship to Abilene Christian University, where he earned his bachelor's degree. While teaching in Pasadena, Texas he earned his master's degree from Sam Houston State University. He earned his doctorate from the University of North Texas. From a long teaching career that began in 1962 and spanned 57 years, Dr. Muns served on the faculty in numerous positions at Pasadena High School, University of North Texas, Northwestern State University and Sam Houston State University. He was also a motivational speaker, providing uplifting messages for several major corporations. Dr. Muns received an

appointment from President Ronald Reagan to serve as National Education Coordinator on the National Board of Cosmetology to help enact several rules that cosmetologists and cosmetology schools still abide by today. Governor George W. Bush appointed him to serve on the Texas State Board of Cosmetology in a similar role.

He traveled extensively both nationally and internationally with these commissions, making many lifetime friendships and creating numerous memories with his family. He also enjoyed helping many people in his career with A.L Williams, a financial services company, which is now Primerica. During his time with them, he was named the National Salesman of the Year which was unheard of for a part-time salesman. He loved being a son of Corsicana and was thrilled when Navarro College recognized him as one of their distinguished alumni in 1989. While pursuing these educational and career accomplishments, he also found love with Sandra Lee Small, whom he married in 1962. They had three precious daughters.

Nedom will be remembered for his love of teaching and dedication to his students, many of whom became lifelong friends. He will always be remembered by his students for his "Munsology 101". These were Nedom's special nuggets of wisdom for his students to help them get through life. They include: 1) Those who watch the clock will always be one of the hands, 2) The only true rule in life is there is always an exception to the rule, 3) A rut is a grave with the ends kicked out, 4) If you're the second dog in a sled race, the view never changes, 5) As you travel down the highway of life and focus on your goal, keep your eyes on the do-nut and not on the hole, 6) Set yourself on fire, and others will come to watch you burn, 7) Live to work-not work to live, 8) Plan your work, work your plan, and your plan will work, 9) It is your attitude not your aptitude that determines your altitude and finally, 10) Always be careful, otherwise you could get Pungidias of the gizzard. He believed a great teacher is always a little bit crazy.

His legacy includes his crazy ties, his love of old cars and his many baseball achievements including several back-to-back no hitters, as well as playing in the Junior College World Series. He loved enjoying a good meal with his friends and family. His memory will live on in the lives of everyone he touched.

Nedom was preceded in death by his father, mother and numerous aunts and uncles who were close to him. He was also preceded in death by his in-laws Bob and Helen Small, who loved him as their own son. Nedom is survived by his daughters Amanda Kay Muns (Kevin) Brown, Mary Allene Muns (Rob) Hill, and Kelly LeeAn Muns. Also surviving him is his only sister Jeanice "Bunny" Muns (Keith) Golden and his nephew Todd Miller, as well as great niece Jessica LaFlamme, and great nephew, John Miller and a great-great nephew, Bruce LaFlamme, and other special family members. He leaves a legacy of love and family to his only grandson James Michael Muns Hill, whom he adored, and that adoration was multiplied and returned.

Nedom loved his family, his friends, his students, the Corsicana High School Class of 1957 (Go Tigers!), baseball, wrestling, golf, old westerns, Billy the Kid and most of all, the Lord.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are best friends, Jimmy Noble and Dr. Ronnie Deskin. Additional honorary pallbearers are precious family members Kevin Brown, Rob Hill, Michael Hill and Todd Miller.

Rest in peace Daddy. You lived a good life and were loved deeply. We will see you again on the other side.

Visitation will be held at Huntsville Church of Christ on Monday August 14,

2023 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am with the funeral starting at 11:00 am. He will then travel into "God's Country" and stop at Corley Funeral Home in Corsicana where a funeral service will be held at 3:00 pm. There will be a graveside service at 4:30 pm at Corsicana Oakwood Cemetery. There will be a reception following his final destination on Earth. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

You may view this memorial tribute video to Mr. Muns at the following link: <http://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/SYFBM7XGYGN5C9B6>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Huntsville Church of Christ  
3737 Hwy 30 West  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Funeral Service

AUG 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Huntsville Church of Christ  
3737 Hwy 30 West  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Funeral Service

AUG 14. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Corley Funeral Home  
418 N 13th St  
Corsicana, TX 75110

## Graveside Service

AUG 14. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Corsicana Oakwood Cemetery  
700 N. 15th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110

## Reception following interment

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AUG **14**. 4:30 PM (CT)

Across the Street Bistro by Andreas  
125 N. Beaton St.  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ I met "Deacon" Muns on Beaton Street, Corsicana in 1959, I was 16, still in high school & he was 20, a Star at Navarro College. We dated in the Fall, and were looking forward to Spring and Ball games together the next year. At Christmas time, he asked me to a dance, but I had to refuse as I had reunited with a former friend, and now married for 62 years...If I had known, would have attended his homegoing..He was a pivotal point in my young life, a dear friend, so polite and funny, we had four months that were unforgettable!  
Robbie (Harwell) Rash, Corsicana

Robbie (Harwell) Rash - September 06, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.

August 14, 2023 at 09:16 PM

 Rachel Scherer

“ There aren't enough words to express how sorry I am for your loss. Dr. Muns was my college dad and always looked out for me. Even after graduating, I knew I could rely on him for advice at any time. When I got to work for the dept it was great getting to see and pick on my school dad every day. I feel horrible for missing services today, but I just found out as I was out last week for aunts' funeral. I just now got to the email and all I can think is no, its not real, his poor girls, just heart breaking. If I can help with anything here in Huntsville please let me know. I can come over and help with anything but cooking, y'all don't want me to do that.

Rachel Scherer - August 14, 2023 at 12:10 PM

TS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mr Muns at the gym... He had gone through a really rough time was really sick. He decided he wasn't gonna feel bad anymore and asked me to help him.. He was quite the character always picking and playing, so many stories to share and always bragging on his daughters. He would stay for long after his appointment and just hang out and visit. He continuously would tell me don't go easy on me, I gotta get strong. He had a huge heart and that handsome smile. When covid hit he couldn't take a chance of catching it so I didn't get to work him out any longer but he would call me just to chat. I loved him dearly. And he loved his girls with all his heart..



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**trisa sugamele** - August 14, 2023 at 11:13 AM

LM

“ Dear Mary and Family. I am deeply sorry for your loss. Although I personally did not know your dad, I could tell from the stories you shared that there was a beautiful bond between the both of you as well as your son Michael. Those memories will be with you forever. Here for you always.  
Lori



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**Lori Magsano** - August 14, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.*



August 13, 2023 at 08:26 PM



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August 13, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ *Amanda, Mary, and LeAnn we are saddened for your loss, our condolences and prayers are with you. There is no sorrow on earth that Heaven cannot heal. Tommy and Lowetta Myers.*

**Lowetta Myers** - August 11, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.*



August 11, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.

August 11, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.



August 10, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of Dr Muns. I studied under Dr Muns at SHSU.  
My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

**Jamie Saucier** - August 10, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.



August 10, 2023 at 03:45 PM



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JS

“ We became friends in Corsicana and always enjoyed our time together as laughter filled and fun. Including a visit to the Jewish Cemetary on a moonlit night!! Nedom influenced many lives including ours. We are now living in the United Kingdom, he called us as we were leaving the USA in 2021 and on our drive to Pennsylvania. We chatted on the car phone for most of the drive through Arkansas. Rest well Nedom  
Michael and Judith Steely

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**judith steely** - August 10, 2023 at 02:46 AM

BB

“ I had the opportunity to work with Nedom in the early to mid 80's. He introduced me to the world of part time life insurance sales. Most of it was done after dark as my job at the time was in the timber business as a timber buyer for Louisiana Pacific. Nedom didn't have a shy bone in his body as he would gladly drop in on people and with a few strokes of the pen, leave them happy and smiling as he saved them money on premiums, double or triple their coverage and in time leave them with a nest egg by investing their savings in the market.

Nedom was quite a guy and a lot of fun to work with. He could pinch a penny until you could hear it squeal. We had a lot of fun teasing him about that, but he took it like a champ. One of his sayings was "it isn't how much you make that's important, but how much you keep". If I never learned anything else from Nedom, I'm glad I learned that because it has helped shape my financial independence. Nedom, you will be missed my friend, until we meet again on the streets of gold.

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**Byron Back** - August 10, 2023 at 12:20 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.*



August 09, 2023 at 10:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.

August 09, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Joey and Debbie Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.*



**Joey and Debbie Smith** - August 09, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Joey and Debbie Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.*

**Joey and Debbie Smith** - August 09, 2023 at 05:47 PM

NH

“ *Dr. Muns was a wonderful man. May peace and gods love be with the entire Muns family.* ”



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**Nancy Hopper** - August 09, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Amanda, Mary, LeeAn & family: We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. We all loved him. He was very educated & was a favorite professor at SHSU. He was such a hard worker & wonderful provider for his family. He was also a lot of fun to be around. I met your dad when y'all were moving from Louisiana to Huntsville when I was working at Huntsville Savings & Loan. Our families became friends. Your mom taught my kids at Sam Houston Elementary & all of you girls took turns babysitting our four children. Then, I worked with your dad selling life insurance. One of my funniest memories was when your dad & mom attended a Halloween party at our house. They said you girls dressed them for it. They were both “rock stars”. He said he remembered on the way to our house they needed to stop & get gas. He was embarrassed to get out of the car in public dressed up as a “rock star” & get gas, but decided it would be worse if they ran out on the way! I saw him about 1 1/2 weeks before he passed away at a restaurant. We had a long visit & had some good laughs remembering times our families & friends have shared through the years. I'm thankful that we had such a great visit & he updated me about each of you girls. He loved all three of you. He was so proud of each of you. I'm thankful I received a good hug from your dad when we left the restaurant. We have been praying for all of your family. We love all of you.



*Mellicent (Sikes) Wiley & Family  
Bobby II & Michelle  
Heather & Jason & Taylor & Tyler  
Heath  
Justin & Joanna & Tess & Tori*

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**Mellicent Wiley** - August 09, 2023 at 12:46 AM

MF

*My name is Mary Forrest. I met your dad, Nedom, when I was in the eighth grade in Corsicana and your dad was in the eleventh grade. Nedom always had a job and worked hard to be successful. The first job I remember was his driving a truck and delivering cokes. He would come by my house when he got off work and we would talk about our future goals and we both wanted to be teachers and motivate future young people to be successful. We both reached our goals to become professors. Nedom taught 57 years and I retired after 58 years. We both loved teaching and our students. We stayed friends for life, and tho I never met you girls, I feel that I know you because he always talked about you and how much he loved you and his only grandson. I was so sad to hear of his passing on Sunday but I know he is with Christ, waiting for each of you and his friends on earth. No doubt he will find a student or two to share his stories. We are all going to miss him and his stories and his kindness in our lives.*

Mary L Forredt - August 09, 2023 at 08:05 PM

RP

“ *It is very sad to hear the loss of Dr. Muns. He educated hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students for the U.S. Industry and educational institutions. May God bless him. We will miss him.*



Reg Pecen - August 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.*



August 08, 2023 at 04:28 PM

BL

“ *Nedom was a good man and dedicated to his students.*

**Bobby Lane** - August 08, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.*



August 08, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III.*



August 08, 2023 at 12:32 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nedom Conway Muns, III*



**M. Hyvl** - August 08, 2023 at 11:43 AM