



Truman Wayne Goodwin

August 30, 1942 - February 10, 2023

Truman Wayne Goodwin passed away peacefully at home on Friday, February 10, 2023, at the age of 80. Born in Houston on August 30, 1942, to Truman and Ruby Goodwin, he resided in Huntsville, TX, with his family for over 40 years.

A graduate of Pasadena High School, Truman pursued his passion for becoming an educator at Southwest Texas State University and Sam Houston State University. He began his career in 1967 as a history teacher and tennis coach. In 1982, he became the assistant principal at Huntsville High School; he went on to serve as principal in Coldspring and New Waverly, where he retired after 21 years. He then returned to his alma mater to commit his time and talents to developing the next generation of educators as a student teacher observer.

Family was Truman's first love. He took his titles of son, brother, husband, father and PaPa extremely seriously, while at the same time, approaching most situations with compassion and humor. He was a sports fanatic, tent camper, road tripper, marathon runner, river floater, music enthusiast and phone talker - all of which he enjoyed in the company of others.

To say the level of care and attention Truman put into his work is rare would be an understatement. He invested heavily in his students and teaching staff alike. What he considered small acts of kindness - like a piece of candy or a handwritten note of encouragement - made a lasting impact on those around him.

Truman never met a stranger and made everyone he spent time with feel special. He always saw the best in people and made it his life's work for those he loved to see that in themselves. His legacy as a teacher, coach, mentor and friend is far-reaching and will not be forgotten.

Truman is survived by his wife of nearly 56 years, Mary Beth; sons Michael Wayne (wife, Shelie) and Daniel Alan (wife, Andrea); daughter Amanda Welborn (husband, Geoff); granddaughters Darby (fiancé, Levi Baddock), Autumn (fiancé, Cade Glover) and Micalah (husband, Ben Ross); siblings Pat Jordan and Steve Goodwin; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as other family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home (1700 Normal Park, Huntsville 77340). The family will welcome visitors to share stories about Truman on Thursday, February 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be held on Friday, February 17, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Truman's name. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Memorial Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
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Tribute Wall

WD

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Goodwin. I have fond memories of him being our Principal in Huntsville public schools. He was a good man who understood us kids back then and helped us all grow up! My prayers and condolences go out to the family.

Very Truly Yours,

Will Durham

Will Durham - February 17, 2023 at 04:02 PM

DG

Thank you Will.

Daniel Goodwin - February 17, 2023 at 11:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Truman Wayne Goodwin.



February 16, 2023 at 04:03 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Truman Wayne Goodwin



Clay Newcomb - February 16, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Truman Wayne Goodwin.*



February 16, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Truman Wayne Goodwin.*



February 16, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ *Where to start? I taught under Truman in both Cold Spring and New Waverly, tutored Daniel for a time, and MaryBeth loaned him to me to go to out of town football and basketball games. He was one of a kind, and will be missed by so many! I feel so fortunate to have had him as a mentor and friend. Love you Truman! Mary Beth, Michael, and Daniel I am so sorry for your loss.*

Joy Fulton - February 16, 2023 at 09:16 AM



Thank you Joy. You meant the world to Dad.

Daniel Goodwin - February 16, 2023 at 12:06 PM


Charlotte
Efird

“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Truman Wayne Goodwin*



Charlotte Efird - February 16, 2023 at 09:03 AM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Truman Wayne Goodwin*



M. Hyvl - February 14, 2023 at 11:43 AM

NG

“ *I once had a student who did an amazing imitation of Truman in the school intercom. One day he “Announced” that the bells had been turned off for maintenance and that teachers were asked to release their classes which I fell for. In true Truman tradition he got a big kick out of it and asked to hear the imitation. He was wonderful and one of a kind.*

Nancy Gatlin - February 14, 2023 at 09:50 AM

DG

Love these stories.

Daniel Goodwin - February 14, 2023 at 12:06 PM

JW

I took up tennis as an adult. Truman gave me private tennis lessons. He was very patient & encouraging with me. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with him and am so sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to the family.

Julie Adams Woods - February 14, 2023 at 08:07 PM

JR

“ We love you, Truman. You were all that is kind and good. You made everyone you knew feel loved and valued and we are going to miss your light so much.

Jacki Rodriguez - February 13, 2023 at 09:28 PM

DG

Thank you!

Daniel Goodwin - February 13, 2023 at 10:59 PM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. My son Zach Bowen was a recipient of one of his hand written notes that I hold close to my heart to this date. We are very sorry for your loss.

Diane Bowen - February 13, 2023 at 09:09 PM

DG

Love this story. Thx for sharing.

Daniel Goodwin - February 13, 2023 at 11:00 PM

LL

“ *Mary Beth and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Truman’s passing. My sincere condolences to all. Just a quick story(I know Mary Beth knows but this is for the family) As a teacher at New Waverly, Truman was my principal. I had surgery, and he took my daughter to school everyday for several weeks. Bringing her home as well many days. She was in elementary, so not even on his campus. That meant so much to my family, but that was Truman. I know there are many other stories. God bless your family.*

Lisa Love - February 13, 2023 at 08:11 PM

DG

Love hearing these stories. Thx!

Daniel Goodwin - February 13, 2023 at 11:00 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Truman Wayne Goodwin.*



February 13, 2023 at 08:05 PM

CP

“ *I worked with Truman at Coldspring High in the mid 1980's. He was a devoted school leader and was kind and fair to our students. In addition, he knew how to have fun doing the work he loved. He often joked about how he was working his way "down" in the school business because of the size of the schools he worked in: Pasadena to Huntsville to Coldspring to New Waverly. (Would Apple Springs be next??)
Above all, he was devoted to his family. He will be missed.*

Connie Parker - February 13, 2023 at 07:46 PM

DG

My mom just told this story yesterday about him moving down. Thx for sharing.

Daniel Goodwin - February 13, 2023 at 10:58 PM

YP

“ *I worked with Truman at New Waverly when he was middle school principal and I was business manager. It was a pleasure working with him. So sorry to hear this. Prayers to his family.*

Yvonne Pixley - February 13, 2023 at 05:26 PM

DG

Thank you!

Daniel Goodwin - February 13, 2023 at 07:45 PM

MC

“ *Truman was true blue, a man of deep compassion for all kids, and a sense of going beyond the usual. He just had a way of making teachers feel appreciated and valued. A smile always greeted everyone and time for a chat. I value the memories of working with kids under Truman's leadership. He was just the best.*

Marjean Creager - February 13, 2023 at 04:42 PM

DG

Thank you!

Daniel Goodwin - February 13, 2023 at 07:44 PM

SC

“ Back when our daughter Lisa was in high school, there was some sort of event or some thing that had not gone quite right at the high school. As I went up to the school to learn about what the incident was he called me in his office and told me what a precious daughter we had and how much he thought of her. We absolutely have never forgotten those wonderful and sweet statements that he said in regard to our daughter Lisa Carter.



Lisa now is in her Heavenly home as well. I know she is helping him and he is helping her like he always did in school.

You all are so blessed to have such a wonderful Daddy and his expressions of his love for his students and his family.

Thank you Mr Goodwin. 🕊️

Sherry & Earl Carter - February 13, 2023 at 03:26 PM

MC

Lisa was a most beautiful and caring kiddo. I loved having her in middle school drama class! Always a bright light.

Marjean Creager - February 13, 2023 at 06:42 PM

DG

Thank you for sharing this story. It is stories like these about our Dad that put a big smile on our faces

Daniel Goodwin - February 13, 2023 at 07:44 PM

CR

“ My condolences to your family. Mr. Goodwin was the best principal ever!!! Very kind and fair. You could tell he truly cared for the students and staff.

Cari (Gilbert) Rogers - February 13, 2023 at 03:22 PM

DG

Thank You!

Daniel Goodwin - February 13, 2023 at 07:46 PM

DJ

Our family grew to love and enjoying being with Truman on the tennis courts. He was a kind humble guy, but on the tennis courts he had some sneaky shots dreaded by his opponents. Donnie and Truman double several times in tennis tournaments, with the favorite being to benefit Toys for Tots in Conroe. Truman was who we called the "King of Huntsville Tennis", as he was always trying to entice new players or get a 4-some match setup. This guy has touched so many people in our community, but the tennis community as well. For sure,... Truman has left his "mark".

Donnie & Anita Jones

Donnie & Anita Jones - February 14, 2023 at 05:58 PM

PM

Loved working with Truman at Sam Rayburn HS in Pasadena. I am so sorry that we have lost him. Prayers for Mary Beth and the family.

PEARL MAGGIO - February 15, 2023 at 04:28 PM