



Walter Don Moon, Sr.

November 21, 1932 - March 23, 2012

Funeral services for Walter Don Moon, Sr., "Coach Moon", 79, of Minden, will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 26, 2012 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Matt Pitts, Rev. Doc Crow, and Rev. Randy Penney officiating. Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson. Visitation will be from 3 - 5 p.m., Sunday, March 25 at the funeral home. Mr. Moon died Friday, March 23, 2012 at his residence. He was born Nov. 21, 1932 in the Sweet Gum community and lived in Rusk County all his life. Don's educational profession was driven by his parent's focused influence. He completed high school in Minden, 1951. One of his honors in high school happened in 1948 when he was a winner of Livestock Showmanship at the State Fair in Dallas. He caught his first calf at the Houston Stock Show. His love for agriculture was again rewarded in 1949 by receiving the highest honor in Texas to attend the National 4-H Congress in Chicago. As his youth advanced, he began spending many hours in the gym dribbling a basketball. His basketball career started for the Minden Tigers where he earned the reputation as a basketball competitor. He played point guard for Texas A & M for four years. In 1975 he received his Master's Degree and Superintendent's Certification from Stephen F. Austin State University. Don received honors throughout his life. He played basketball all over South America, (Chili, Peru, and Ecuador) as a Goodwill Ambassador for Tennessee Oil Company. After leaving the court in competitions, Don turned to basketball officiating. He officiated for twenty-five

years, being the youngest official ever selected to be in the Southwest Conference. Don's teaching profession started in Houston in 1954 at Shady Dell Elementary, moving to Smiley High School as basketball coach. Since that time, he coached at Laneville High School, Argentina, S.A., Cushing ISD, and Mt. Enterprise. He completed his public education at Carlisle ISD with 27 years as Carlisle's Elementary Principal. After completing 40 years in public school, he worked for Stephen F. Austin State University for 12 years as a student teacher supervisor. Since retirement, Don and Brenda worked in Yellowstone National Park. Their love for travel and adventure continued throughout his retirement. Don was a devoted family man and a good Christian. He was a member of Minden Baptist all his life where he taught Young Couples Sunday Class and filled many other needed capacities within the church. His love for God, family, grandchildren, and others was demonstrated by his actions. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tobe and Merline Moon; and grandson, Andrew Moon. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Brenda Moon of Minden; two sons, Donny Moon and wife Ashlie of Winnfield, La, and Toby Moon and wife Wendy of Minden; four grandchildren, Nate Moon, Avery Moon, Emily Moon, and McKenna Moon. Pallbearers are J.N. Hudson, Buddy Dawson, David Ross Pyle, Jerry Rawlinson, Charlie Franklin, Tim Akins, Jeff Griffin, and Russell Moon. Honorary pallbearers are Larry Davis, Bobby Hays, Jackie Hayner, Scott Rhame, Rodney Roberts, Glenn Boatman, Waylon Sanders, Minden Men's Sunday School Class, and 1959 Laneville basketball team. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: the Don Moon Scholarship, TexasBank, 1120 Hwy 79 N, Henderson, Tx 75654; the Minden Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 160, Minden, Tx 75680; or Hospice of East Texas in Tyler, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Tx., 75701. Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

visitation

MAR **25**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

CB

“ It saddens me to know that this world is without one more great man. I hope he and my daddy (Bobby Bane) are getting a chance to share stories. My mom and dad thought the world of Mr. Moon. He always brightened my day when I ran into him in the grovery store.

Cathy Bane-Ward - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Coach Moon, "Mr. Moon" as our math teacher, made our Laneville Junior High days full of fun, learning, and memories.

Sandra Watts - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ To the Moon Family, Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Mr. Moon. We are thinking of the Moon family and wishing you all peace of heart.

Paul and Glenda Nelson - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Dear Mrs. Moon and family.....We were so sad to hear about Mr. Moon's passing. He was principal to 4 of our 6 daughters who have graduated from Carlisle. When he retired, I begged him to please stay just a few more years so our youngest, Ashley, would have the opportunity to have him as principal longer.....but, he said "it was time" and so we missed him for the rest of those years. Everytime we would see him, usually at Wal-Mart, he always asked about our girls, calling them by name and always being so proud of their accomplishments. I'll bet it took him three times longer to get out of Wal-Mart than any other customer because of all his Carlisle friends stopping him to visit "just a minute". I can honestly say that I have never met a man who I felt more respect for than Don Moon. He never forgot a student and loved each and everyone of them. He nicknamed my Catherine (Conn), now McCasland, "Katrina" and I still sometimes call her by his pet name for her. He was a special man to all who ever got to spend even a few minutes with him. Such a good, good man. I know you all will miss him so much more than we all will but I am so thankful that we came to Carlisle ISD in January of 1984 and got to have have him as our girl's principal. Just knowing we won't get to run into him at Wal-Mart again saddens me greatly. There just aren't too many around like him any more. May God help you though this sad time of loss but keep smiling.....because Mr. Moon would want you to do that. May he rest in peace until we all get to see him again. God Bless
You.....Nancy and Curt Curtis, Aimee Conn Myers, Catherine Conn McCasland, Amanda Curtis Henson, Sara Curtis and Ashley Curtis

Nancy and Curt Curtis and All of Our Daughters - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the Moon Family: We are so saddened to learn about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. You were blessed with a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and much more. With Love, Jana & Johney Enloe & Family

Johney & Jana Enloe & Family - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Mrs. Moon I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Moon. You both were always so kind to me when you came to the AgCenter office to see Donny. I know you will miss him but I know he is with the Great Physician and is free of pain. You are in my prayers as you adjust to this loss.

Barbara Marshall - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Brenda, I am so sorry for your loss. Don's big smile and overall demeanor would just light up a room. Your loss is Heaven's gain. You and your family are in my prayers as you adjust to a new normal.

Donna Abercrombie - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ What a Prince Don Moon was! He always encouraged us to do what is right, noble and honorable in every area of our lives. He, not only was an educator & in the public school system but also taught everyone within his reach by his excellent example of living everyday of his life. I know when I get to Heaven Don will be standing there saying, "Well, I'll say, What took you so long?" He was truly the very best of Minden and will be missed and his antics will be talked about for years to come.

Nancy Kauk - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Donnie, Toby, and Mrs. Brenda, I am saddened to hear about Don's passing. I remember Don as a true leader, whether at church or a basket ball game he was the same all around. He was a teacher that inspired us all. Peace be with you all, Daniel W Hooks Sr, Jr., Dwayne, Dean, and Mellissa Hooks and family

Daniel - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Mrs. Brenda we are so sorry for your lost Mr. Don was a fine man it was a pleasure to have known him a good man and would help anyone that was in need of so Mrs. Brenda you know that we are a phone call away if you need us we send our love

Mary & Lovie Bogany - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To the Moon Family: Mr. Moon will be very much missed by the people still here. He always had a smile for you and was more than willing to help if it was at all possible. If he didn't have the answer, he would find it for you. Teresa and Robert, my children, always thought the world of him. God be with the Moon family.

Bennie Akin Boyd - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I really loved Mr. Moon. So sorry to hear of his passing. He will be greatly missed. After reading about him, he was even a greater man than I thought he was when he was my principal.

Renea (Landrum) Davidson - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Brenda and Family, So sorry to hear about Don. He was a wonderful person and friend. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

Kay Pool Myers, Jace Pool and Shay Pool Ditter - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Dear Moon family: What a sweet service you had for Mr. Moon. it ws so personal! I loved hearing his closest friends share special times and feelings about him. It is evident that Mr. Moon has impacted so many lives. He impacted my life as well. Mr. Moon hired me for my first (& still going) teaching job. What a blessing to have such a caring, but fun, boss! Mr. Moon was truly a treasure & showed all the Fruit of the Spirit. I will always have a special place in my heart. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." Galatians 5:22-23* ”

Lisa & Tommy Moore - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Dear Moon Family, I am so sorry for your loss but I know Mr. Don fought the good fight and is now finally whole again. I am sorry I was unable to make the services but you have all been in my thoughts and prayers and will continue to be. Much love to you all.*
Christy Stanart ”

Christy Stanart - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *A man who meant so much in our lifes in our formulative years at Carlisle. He helped us with his knowledge, love, grace, fairness and most of all humor. He could make us laugh like no other. Deepest sympathy on the passing of such a fine man.* ”

Lanna Coats Tapp - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I remember Don fondly. I used to double date with Don and Major Hosey. They were great fun. I haven't seen Don in 50 years. I remember him as a kind and thoughtful man. I am so pleased to find he had such a great life and wonderful family. He deserved both.

Gayle Newton SanMiguel - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ He will be missed. Prayers go out to his family.

Diana Kay Martin - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Brenda, Donny, and Toby and family, our thoughts are with you all during this sad time. Don Moon was the BEST boss I have ever had and I loved him so much. He taught me more about teaching than any class ever could. I will think of him often, especially when I see something that reminds me of the Carlisle Indians. Don was such a special man in every respect. Brenda, I know you will miss your best friend, but please know that Don is on that big basketball court in the sky making 3 pointers for us all! Love to each of you, Jan and Roger

Jan and Roger Spann - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Donny and Family, I am saddened to hear of the loss of your father. I know that you were very close and he will be greatly missed. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Don, but if Donny's character is any indication of the example of the man he was, Mr. Don was a great role model. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike LaVergne - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you Lottie Morris

LOTTIE MORRIS - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Donnie I am so sorry for you loss. May the Lord send you love, peace and strength during this very difficult time. Remember to lean on the Lord he can take it. Talk about the good times, laugh about the funny times and always remember the love that will never go away.

Mandy Clayton - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Coach Moon has been a man we've all loved and looked up to - what a great legacy of love, respect and a life well lived he leaves with his family! And of course, he lives on in paradise! I am just grieved that we are unable to make it to the funeral service. Please know that our thoughts, prayers and love are with all of the family. With much sympathy ~ David, Pam and Patrick Stokes

Pamela Haddox Stokes - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ R.I.P Coach Moon, you will be sorely missed!!

Terrica Stafford Hunt - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Mr. Moon was very much a great part of my school years. He was a great principal and a positive leader for Carlisle ISD. He will truly be missed! You have very few people in your life that really make such a great impact to you as well as others. I think that he just hung the "MOON"! Sincerely, Linda Combs Coleman

Linda Coleman - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Mrs. Moon, You and Mr. Moon have helped me to develop a great appreciation for education. I first met him as my advisor when I did my student teaching at Cushing ISD. He was always there for me with a warm smile and a shoulder to lean on, and I have never forgotten his advice and words of wisdom. May God bless and keep you and your family during this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Tanya Stein Hammett - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was such a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. RIP Coach Moon. Leave the light on for me.

Christy Carrizoza - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Donnie and Family, Please be assured that Mr. Don is in the presence of Our Lord. He is at peace, without pain and suffering. God, Our Father, will comfort you and provide His strength as you continue on in these trying times. You and your family will be in our prayers. God bless you.

J Stevens - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ It was an honor to know Don Moon. I walk by the trophy case at Carlisle and see the drawing of Mr. Moon on a daily basis. Each time I see the picture, I smile. My thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and her boys.

Jamie Skelton - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Mr. Moon was always so cheerful and sweet, and I enjoyed seeing him in church on Sundays. He always had a smile, and would offer a helping hand to anyone. Mrs. Moon and family, I am so very sorry for your loss.*

Rachel (Hartman) Larson - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Brenda we are very sorry to hear of your loss. Don was a Great person always helping others. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless Keith, Tammy and McKenzie Brightwell*

Keith Brightwell - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Thank you Mr. Moon for being a great Carlisle principal to our kids. We will truly miss you.*

Aguilar Family - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Mr. Moon, will be truly missed! He was a wonderful man and a great role model. I will never forget him as he never forgot his students. I was always in his office at Carlisle school and not in trouble but would try to get out of class just to go see him he was a remarkable man. Prays go out to the family who lost a great man.*

christne matthews wallace - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Brenda, Donnie and Tobe and family I am so sorry to hear about Don passing but we know he is in a better place. He will be missed by all that knew him. He was a special person Beth, Tonja, Sonja and Mandy*

Beth Hale Pope - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *He was truly a great man.*

Chris Sanders - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *To Mr. Moon, Thank you for being a friend to all of us. You're down to earth, kind, and fairness, kept me in line. I couldn't ask for a better human being in my life. Your smile when I run into you at the store always put a brighter & softer spot in my heart. You never forgotten about all the students you had even down to my dad, uncles and other relatives. You'll be missed forever by ALL of us. I'm glad my children met you and know that you will always be my favorite principal. My tears are drying up because I know you're in a better place. Deepest regards to the family & friends. Thank you Don Moon for the memories!!*

Keeshia C.Lacy - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Mr Moon was one of the best people I have ever known and, by example, he always inspired me to be the best person I could possibly be. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Tammy Duke - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Mr Moon was one of the best men I've ever known. And he was a great principal. Thank you for being a part of my life and so many others.*

Kristopher Hale - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Brenda, I am so sorry for your loss. I will continue to keep you and your family in my prayers.*

Judy Fults - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Don will be very much missed by the whole community. He always had a smile and a kind word for you, regardless of how he was feeling. He never complained. I will miss seeing him come in to the store at Minden. He left a legacy that will be very hard to follow. We send our deepest sympathy and condelence to Brenda and all his family.*

David & Patricia Hartman - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *God be with the family. Mr.Moon was a wonderful man and a great school leader and educator. Sonja Stewart class of 77*

Sonja Stewart - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Mr. Moon was such a wonderful person. He made Carlisle a great place to be. I spent many great hours with him while at school. He was a mentor, teacher, coach, principal and great friend to each and every one of us. Always had a smile and a kind word but was also there to correct us and teach us good moral standards. He will be greatly missed by all. May you rest in peace coach Moon.

Charles Teague - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Mr. Don Moon was my principal at Carlisle Jr. High School many years ago, as well as my childrens' principal. Mr. Moon was also a very dear friend to my mother Mrs. Janie Alsup Knight. He was more than a principal to me, he spoke to me like a father to a daughter. Anywhere I ever seen him over the years in passing he always knew who I was. He never forgot his students. We always gave each other a hug and he always asked about my children when we talked. Mr. Moon will be dearly missed by many and will always have a special place in my heart. My prayers are with the Toby, Donny, and all the family of a well respected man of God.

Crystal Townsend - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Dear Brenda, We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Tricia and Jerry Jones

Tricia and Jerry Jones - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ May God wrap his arms around each of you and carry you through this time of sorrow. Your family is very dear to the staff of FUMC Preschool. We are praying for each of you.

Casi Dickerson - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Moon Family, Coach Moon was a wonderful man. He loved to tease & would always ask me if I needed glasses when I was dating my first husband in High School!! & even after we married!! He will be sorely missed by all who knew & loved him. My heart goes out to you all.

Lisa Alewine Barnett - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Mr. Moon will be greatly missed. He was the most kind and caring principal I have ever had in my years at Carlisle. I remember him playing "Don't Worry, Be Happy" over the intercom just to brighten our day. The one time I got called into his office he gave me a "talking" and gave me some candy. He was a great man. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Amy Reeves Goodale - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mr. Moon was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.

Jeanie Fowler - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Mr Moon will truly be missed. He always had a smile and something nice to say, even when I knew he was feeling ill. I consider myself lucky to have known him!!

Debbie Kline - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Mr. Moon was the sweetest man. He always brighten my day when he came into Tractor Supply to get his goat feed or whatever he need. I just wanted his family to know that the whole Henderson Tractor Supply team past and present give prayers and sympathies to his family. He will be deeply missed.*

Erica Shaw - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Donny and Family, Just wanted you to know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. I know your Dad was a special man to many people. I always enjoyed visiting with him when he came to the office or called. Thinking of you and praying for you during this difficult time. Becky, Katie and Caroline*

Becky, Katie and Caroline Kelley - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Thanks, Mr. Moon for being such a great principal. You always made me feel welcome and seemed genuinely happy to visit with me. You were always someone I knew would be there for me or any other student for that matter. Thanks for setting such a great example, and most of all, putting a smile on my face whenever we came in contact. You will be missed.*

Jason R. Bethany - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *Dear Brenda and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Don was a wonderful man. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Vicki Brooks Harper - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Mr. Moon was a true friend. It was a pleasure to work with him at Carlisle. He will be missed by all his Carlisle friends.*

Merlyn & Mary Klink - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *So sorry that I've lost another old friend. He was a go9od one.*

Emmett Stephens - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Margaret Ann Robertson - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Earthly words can not begin to say how much Coach Moon means to all "his kids" Heaven has gotten the ultimate in its halls now. Thank you for sharing him with his other family. Donna (one of Lena Robertson's granddaughters*

Donna Mitchell - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Joe and I are saddened by Don's passing and will miss him greatly. He was a great man.*

Joe & Gloria Bethany - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Dear Brenda and Family,I am so sorry for the loss of Don, I know you are going to miss him, My thoughts and prayers are with you.Sincerely,Linda Hardy Abbott, but you knew me as Linda Gibbs, the mother of Chris, Melinda, and Todd Gibbs.*

Linda Hardy Abbott - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Coach Moon will be so missed. He touched so many lives while he was at Carlisle. I have never heard one bad word spoke about him. We are so sorry for your loose but is Heavens gain. I know heaven is a lot more fun now that he is there. Our prayers are with your family!

Michale & Tunya Waggoner - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.

Lynn LeBlanc - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ To the Moon family:God's plan is always perfect.My mom told me a little over a year ago that she was going to "the land of the living.". She went there 2 days later.I love that description of heaven!With love,Tammy Adams(friend and coworker of Ashlie)Ps. 56

Tammy Adams - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My Dear Brenda,Don will be missed by all, he was a good friend and a very special person. May he rest in peace.Much love,Beth and Paul

Beth and Paul Martinez - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM