

Don Jefferies

This was posted without requesting input from Don.

Era: Alvin Job: 1988 - 1993

Relationship: Don gave Paul his first administrative position; Assistant Principal for Alvin High School – one of five AP’s at that large campus. The transition from teaching to administration was a big adjustment. “Life changes” also added to the burden of this transition: A household move, followed a few years later by a divorce, followed by a new marriage to Marla & Josh.

Paul wanted to write this “Thank You” to Don, as he feels grateful for quite a few things. Paul learned a lot from Don, his fellow AP’s, and through performing the job on a daily basis. This learning could not have happened had Don not given Paul the job opportunity in the first place.

In addition to being a “boss,” Don chose to be a friend. In fact, he helped Paul spring a surprise marriage on Marla. Don went into her classroom – acting very angry – and called her to come outside. Once outside, Paul (along with Josh) took Marla to the Justice of the Peace; where they were wed. Don was the only guest present. After a quick “wedding reception” at McDonald’s, they all went back to duty at Alvin High School – Friday, August 30, 1991.

The years of the Alvin job were, in many ways, stressful. But, with the help of Don, and some other wonderful friends, Paul was able to cope with the changes, learn along the way, and begin a new life with Marla. God truly does work in strange & mysterious ways!



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