



Donald J. Millus

June 28, 2009

Professor Donald J. Millus Donald J. Millus, PhD, died at his home in Conway, South Carolina, on Sunday, June 28, 2009. Dr. Millus was born in Brooklyn, NY, on June 11, 1939, the third son of Felix and Margaret Millus. He is survived by his wife of forty-two years, Patricia Sikora Millus and their three children, Christian Anthony of Las Vegas, Nevada, Donald M. Millus MD, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Sara Millus Tyler of Elgin, South Carolina. Millus is also survived by his brother, John, of Queens, New York. Millus was predeceased by two brothers, Felix and Albert, and a sister, Margaret Maroldy. He has four grandchildren, Cameron and Erin Millus of Las Vegas, Donald J. Millus of Columbia, South Carolina, and Charles Landon Millus Tyler of Elgin. Millus is also survived by his brother, John, of Queens, New York. Millus was predeceased by two brothers, Albert and Felix, and a sister Margaret. Millus attended Holy Innocents Grammar School in Brooklyn, Regis High School in Manhattan, and Fordham College in the Bronx, majoring in classics and English. After six years as a Jesuit seminarian, he began his graduate studies in English language and literature at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. He also served as a captain in the U.S. Army including a tour of duty in Vietnam for which he was awarded the Bronze Star. After completing his doctoral degree at Yale, Millus came to Coastal Carolina University to teach, write, and fish. In addition to publishing scholarly articles on the Protestant reformers and Bible translator, William Tyndale, Millus published a number of books about growing up in Brooklyn and fishing throughout the

southeastern U.S. His book of poetry, *Wading South*, is still in print. In lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to St. James Roman Catholic Church in Conway or to the Coastal Carolina University library. Visitors may pay their condolences at the family house in Conway on Wednesday July 1 from 4 PM to 7 PM. A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. James Roman Catholic Church on Thursday at noon, the family will receive visitors at 11 AM prior to the funeral at the church. Inurnment will be on Friday at St James Cathlic Church. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

Tribute Wall



“ In 1965-66 Don was my Jersey City high school English teacher. Strict but fair he was, and I'll always remember fondly the emphasis he placed on what was then Rule 13 - "Omit needless words" - in that time's edition of Strunk & White's 'The Elements of Style.' To my class Don also assigned the viewing of the Kitchen Sink film, 'The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner,' which to this day remains among my cinema favorites, and I can't think of or see again that film without also remembering warmly Don's exacting tutelage. Requiescat in pace, good teacher. - (Ms.) Jordynne Olivia Lobo

Jordynne Olivia Lobo - February 22, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ I only met Don in person once but he was delightful company and very witty. A pillar of the Tyndale Society for many years. This is quite a shock. Neil Inglis##imported-begin##Neil Inglis##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 10:56 AM



“ I would like to say I am extremely saddened to learn of Dr. Millus passing. I started fishing MI around '02 on the weekends and met Dr. Millus on several occasions. The most memorable was when he anchored beside me as we caught many flounder, with my nephew catching his first flat fish. As was his custom he handed me a green flake cotee grub attached to his business card. Upon returning home I found that he mentioned me and my nephew in his "Just Angling" article for July - remembering my nephews 1st and last name! I did not even know he asked his name! At any rate, my condolences to the family for your loss. Dr. Millus was a great man, a very inspiring fellow, to say the least. I was and am truly inspired by his memory. I was going to let him know that I caught a nice drum on the cotee...no bother, I'm sure he already knows. Sincere condolences, Shane Barnes###imported-begin##Shane Barnes###imported-end##

September 08, 2009 at 03:35 PM



“ Dr. Millus will always be missed. He was a wonderful professor. I had him for all my Shakespeare classes and my Chaucer class and I loved every minute of it. As a high school teacher of those very same courses I take a lot of advice and knowledge Dr. Millus gave me over the years and put them right into those classes. Thank you Dr. Millus and you will be very missed!!###imported-begin##Brittany Fravel###imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 01:24 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Millus, Chris, Donald, and Sara, I enjoyed Dr. Millus' classes, stories, and articles so very much. You each hold a special place in my heart and you are in my thoughts. Keeping you in prayer, Holly Gragg Sasser###imported-begin##Holly Gragg Sasser###imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 01:10 PM



“ Pat, The rapid passing of your partner was such an unexpected death that I was unprepared for his early departure. You and your family will be in the prayers of Heidi and I during the days ahead. God Bless Mike Cherry###imported-begin##Mike Cherry###imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 01:58 PM



“ One of the greatest and most committed fans of CCU Baseball..I always looked forward to seeing him either at a ballgame or in the inlet..Was looking for his article today and was literally taken back to see his picture and name in the obituaries column...I will truly miss seeing the great DR. and hearing his "tales"..May God continue to Bless you and your family....!! CCU Class of '83...###imported-begin##Ricky Grice###imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Millus family: How greatly saddened I was to read online of Don's death. I did not know him well, and always regretted not having him as a professor when I attended Coastal in the early seventies. He taught the upper levels of English and as an Early Childhood major, his classes were not a requirement for me. My sister, Ruthie, spoke of his excellent teaching. I recall his setting up fishing tournaments at Coastal and the excitement surrounding them. I looked forward each week to the arrival of *The Horry Independent*, enjoying his many articles of fishing with his beloved dog. I always felt as if I were sitting there with them! Coastal Carolina University and Horry County have lost a wonderful man who contributed greatly to all and left us much too soon. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you deal with the difficult days ahead.##imported-begin##Paula Vaught Adams##imported-end##

July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pat... I was shocked to read about your husband's passing. We are so sorry. Bob, Ann & Bobby Roskow##imported-begin##Bob & Ann Roskow##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Don, I was deeply saddened to hear of your passing. You were one of the first to welcome and befriend me when I came to Coastal in 1980. That meant a lot to me, and I will forever remember you for that. I will truly miss sharing and joking with you from across the hall. My best wishes for Pat and the family.##imported-begin##veronica gerald##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat & family including Alice: I'm sorry to hear of Don's passing and will continue to pray for your comfort. A former student, I enjoyed his stories and will never forget his compassion when my dog was missing. He lived a full life, touched the lives of many, and will live on in fond memories.##imported-begin##Mary Emery##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sara, I will always cherish your Dad's words he wrote when I lost my Grandfather in 2008."Barfield is gone, most probably fishing"...I cannot help but smile when I think about the two of them reunited in heaven to fish for eternity! I love you and will be praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Jennifer Rabon##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pat and family, We want to tell all of you how much we enjoyed knowing Don. There are a lot of memories from the early days. We know that he is in a good place in the arms of our Father and in peace. We will continue praying for all of your family. Love, Tina and Freddie##imported-begin##Fred & Tina Basile##imported-end##

July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies in your time of sorrow. May you find comfort in each passing day.Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Mark Nickel and Family##imported-end##

July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat, Thinking of you and praying that our Lord will grant you the peace that passes all understanding in the days to come. "Be strong and take courage, do not fear or be dismayed for the one who lives within you will be strong in you today."###imported-begin###Hallett Worrell###imported-end###

June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ It has been some time since I was at Coastal, but I remember Don well. He was a fine gentleman. It looks like heaven now has a new poet laureate.###imported-begin###Brad Cunningham###imported-end###

June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We are deeply sadden by your loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. We think so very highly of Dr. Donald M. Millus, and our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Staff and Physicians of Augustine Health Group, LLC.###imported-begin###Jeremy Whitaker###imported-end###

June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Millus will always be my favorite professor. He introduced me to Chaucer with contagious enthusiasm. I cherish the book we used in his class and the notes I made in the margins - many, his comments and insights. I also had a Creative Writing class with him. He encouraged us all and always took a genuine interest in our work. He was, very simply, a great teacher. I am saddened by his passing and want his family to know that his influence on my studies at Coastal was immense and has meant much to me - and I'm quite sure I am not alone. We were lucky to have such a gem of an educator. I am so sorry for your loss. Sherri Estridge, Class of 1985##imported-begin##Sherri Estridge##imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ May our Good and Gracious God give eternal rest and peace to Don and say clearly and loudly to him "Well done, good and faithful servant!" For that is what he was! Pat, may you and your children be comforted and strengthened in these next several days and months especially. May the memories created over so many years bring you joyful peace and deep gratitude; may God be truly with you! Thinking of you and sending you love ... Sister Sandy, fsm##imported-begin##Sr. Sandy Schwartz##imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My family and I were greatly saddened to read of Don's passing. He meant a lot to me not only as a respected colleague but also as a friend. My family and I have very fond memories of the years when the children were growing up and we were neighbors. Alvin Hall and Family - David, Marc, Michelle and Cherie##imported-begin##Alvin Hall##imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Don was a good teacher and an even better colleague. I will miss seeing his lanky form walking up and down the halls at CCU and his goofy jokes. He had a tremendous impact on many lives, including mine.##imported-begin##Linda Martin##imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat, Donnie, Chris, and Sara, I have so many wonderful Don Millus stories - through being his student in a Shakespeare class, serving as the lucky teacher who had all three of his children as students, reading and talking to him about his Horry Independent column, and visiting with him in his office this summer when I was teaching in an AP institute at CCU. We had a wonderful time of "catching up" with each other. Don definitely made an impact on Coastal, and I feel blessed to have been one of his first students there. I have wonderful memories of all of you in my teaching career, and I want you to know you are in my prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Ruthie Vaught Warren##imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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Thank you, Mrs. Warren. We really appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers. I think of your class from time to time when my own children have an engaging, yet challenging, English teacher.

Sara Tyler - June 28, 2022 at 12:14 PM