Biography

Personal Information:

Steve Munisteri grew up in the Houston area attending school there from elementary school through high school. He graduated from Memorial High School cum laude (32 out of a class of approximately 600). As a kid he was active in athletics playing baseball, soccer, and football. In high school, despite being the second smallest player on his squad he played freshman, sophomore, and one game of junior varsity football for the Memorial Mustangs until he was forced to choose between attending debate tournaments and continuing playing football.

Being a better debater than he was a football player, he opted for debate where he received multiple trophies at different tournaments as well as reaching the state tournament for extemporaneous speaking. While in high school he received the school’s Geometry award and was a member of the National Honor Society. During his last three years of high school he worked as a theater usher at Town & Country Six Theaters, a salesman at Homer’s Hardware, and a door-to-door salesman for Cutco Knives. This allowed him to make his first stock investments which began a lifelong interest in finance.

Steve grew up with three brothers and two sisters. His father was an executive for many years with Brown & Root, eventually serving as Vice President and a member of the board of directors of that company before going on to become president of Enserch Engineers & Constructors, Comstock International and the Texas division of Ford, Bacon & Davis. His mother was a homemaker during his years growing up but she eventually went on to work at Rice University for over 20 years as an editor of professor’s textbooks which she still does on a contract basis.

Steve went on to the University of Texas and obtained a BBA in Finance with honors maintaining a solid A average and earned the Dean’s list multiple times. Steve then went on to the University of Texas School Of Law where he obtained a Doctorate of Jurisprudence graduating in the top half of the class and earning multiple honor grades in courses along the way. Steve completed his undergraduate and law degrees in 4 years and 11 months instead of the usual 7 years. Steve maintained his grades despite being active in politics across the state serving as first the state chairman of Young Americans for
Freedom, then the founding chairman of Young Conservatives of Texas and being chair of Young Texans for Reagan.

After law school, Steve moved to Houston to practice law with the law firm of Funderburk & Funderburk. On November 1, 1982 Steve founded the Law Offices of Stephen P. Munisteri which evolved in various forms over time into the firm of Munisteri, Sprott, Rigby, Newsom & Robbins, P.C.

Although Steve attended church regularly from the time he was a young boy, he decided he wanted to be baptized by submersion as an adult as a reaffirmation of his Christian faith. Currently, Steve worships at a Presbyterian Church in his hometown of Houston.

When Steve was 18 years old, he sat next to Deanna Armstrong on a bus of Reagan youth staff traveling from Texas to Kansas City to work on the 1976 Reagan campaign. Ms. Armstrong was the president of the local University of Texas Young Republicans, and later the president of the University of Texas Young Conservatives Of Texas, and later a full-time staff member of the Republican Party of Texas. Steve and Deanna would marry a few years later.

Unfortunately, his marriage with Deanna ended while the couple was in their 30’s without the couple having any children, in part because of Deanna’s desire to relocate to the western part of the country which she has done. However, the couple still remains on good terms and still talk occasionally.

A few years ago, Steve started dating the woman in his life, Judy, whom he actually had first met in 1979 when she joined the University of Texas chapter of the Young Conservatives of Texas. Although they ran into each other occasionally at law functions it wasn’t until decades later that they actually started dating after Steve referred her a case. A couple of years ago, Judy decided to quit practicing law in order to teach high school. She currently teaches at a private Christian school in Houston, Texas, and lives in a home in the Heights. Steve resides in the Greenway Plaza area of Houston where he owns a condominium in a local highrise.

Steve is 52 years old, and retired after practicing law for approximately 27 years and owning and leasing out an office building for 14½ years. Steve still maintains a business interest in a fly ash beneficiation technology startup as well as continues to partner occasionally in oil and gas or natural exploration projects.