

## Doctors Mary D. and Norbert J. Bubliss

Doctors Mary and Norbert Bubliss were prominent local physicians for over four decades. Both had practiced medicine for years when they moved to Plainview in 1957. Her M.D. degree was from Washington University in St. Louis, and his was from St. Louis University, in the same city. She was born Mary Davis on the last day of 1920 in Utah, and he was born in 1910 in Illinois. They had seven children and 17 grandchildren.

“Dr. Mary,” as she was known, was a leading force in modernizing mental health issues and treatment in Plainview and West Texas. As her reputation grew, people in need of mental health attention knew they could count on her professional insight and personal sympathy. In addition to her local private practice, over the years she served as medical director of the High Plains Children’s Training Center, Hale County Law Enforcement Center, Hale County Health Department, and Central Plains MH-MR Center. Dr. Mary also taught psychology at Wayland Baptist University and served on the boards of the Hale County Child Welfare Unit, South Plains Health Provider Organization, City-County Health Unit, and Council on Domestic Violence. She was named Plainview’s Woman of the Year in 1968.

Dr. Norbert Bubliss, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, had practiced medicine in Missouri, New York, and Temple, Texas for nearly two decades when the Bublisses moved to Plainview, where he continued until 1988, for a practice more than 50 years long. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, Texas Orthopedic Association, and the Tri-County Medical Society.

As one of their services to the community, for years the Bublisses conducted complimentary physical examinations for the members of a number of sports teams and local organizations such as the Boy Scouts.

Dr. Mary Bubliss died in 1995 and Dr. Norbert Bubliss, in 2004.

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