



Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



MEREDITH MAX "BUDDY" ANDREWS

December 31, 1922 - December 29, 2004

Stillwater High School Class of 1941

10th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

October 1, 2005

Meredith Max "Buddy" Andrews was born on December 31, 1922 to Horace and Daisy King Andrews. He grew up in Stillwater, attended Stillwater Public Schools and graduated from Stillwater High School in 1941. While in high school Buddy participated in three sports and was one of the most accomplished athletes in his class. He was a four year letterman in football, gaining honorable mention recognition on the All State team. He also lettered for three years in swimming and played catcher on the Pioneer baseball teams of 1940 and 1941.

After graduation Buddy worked at Boeing Aircraft but cut short his career to volunteer for service in the United States Army during World War II. He became a radio/gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress in the European War Theater and completed a total of 35 missions over enemy territory. He was the recipient of two stars given for "courage, coolness and skill" while participating in several bombing attacks of German industrial and military targets. In addition, he was part of the Normandy Invasion and received the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon along with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Upon his discharge from the Military, Buddy met the former Sue Murray of Claremore and they were married in the spring of 1946. After five years of marriage he decided that it was time to go back to school, so he enrolled at Oklahoma A&M in January of 1951. He completed his college education in three years earning a BS degree and graduating in May of 1954. He then took a job as representative with the Business Men's Assurance Group of Muskogee and spent the next 12 years in that position. He and Sue made it back to Stillwater in 1966 when Buddy took over as Food Manager of the Student Union at Oklahoma State University. He served in that capacity for 10 years before becoming self employed. In 1988 his love for the game of golf forced him into permanent retirement.

At the time of his death Buddy and his family had made their home for 35 years on his grandparents', Lulu Minta Ash Andrews and Harry Eben Andrews, homestead south of Stillwater. He had three children Max Murray, Linda Sue and Meredith King (deceased). He was a loving husband, a loving father and as his name suggests a good "Buddy" to everyone.

Presenter
Bob Barnes
Stillwater High School Class of 1943