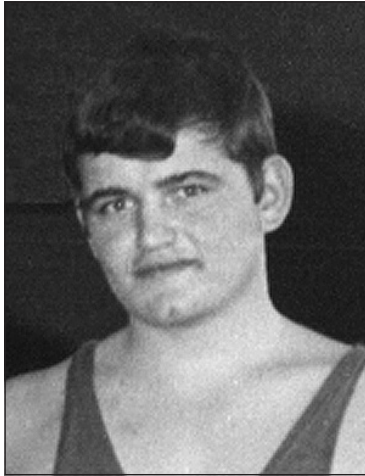




Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



JOHN ERIC BRADLEY

August 15, 1952 - October 13, 1973

Stillwater High School Class of 1971

11th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

October 7, 2006

John was born to John and Isabell Bradley in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He grew up here and attended Stillwater Public Schools all the way through his educational process.

John Eric Bradley was best known as "Gently" to his close friends and fellow athletes. He acquired this name because in real life and sports, he was anything but gentle. John was a rugged, tough, determined, and daring individual. His closest friends admired him for his free spirit and no quit attitude as well as his loyalty and compassion for those he cared about. He was a true competitor, a warrior in modern times and didn't care what people thought. He was his own person; taking any challenge as it came along. He loved the thrill of adventure and even the danger in life. His buddies tell stories about some of the mischievous deeds he would pull on them, but they could always count on him in time of need.

John wrestled for SHS for 4 years. Wrestling at the heavyweight position his sophomore and junior years, his team was 2nd in State and then his senior year, they won 3rd when he wrestled at 178 pounds. In football, John was a defensive tackle under Coach Tom Turvey and on a team which went to the State Playoffs both his junior and senior years.

In John's 21 years of life, he worked hard and played hard. He really lived life to the fullest. John was devoted to his mother and father.

Presenter
Bruce Neph
Stillwater High School Class of 1971