



Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



FLOYD CALDWELL

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Stillwater High School Class of 1932

5th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

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If you lived during the era of Floyd Caldwell and did not have the opportunity to have interacted with him, you certainly missed something. "Coach" Caldwell grew up in the Stillwater area and graduated from the Stillwater school system, where he was an all-stater in football. He attended and played football for Central State College in Edmond, now the University of Central Oklahoma. He was not only an outstanding athlete, but also an outstanding person. He was not only large in physique, but he had a heart that was large enough to include everyone he came into contact with.

"Coach" Caldwell graduated from CSC in 1937 and became the football and basketball coach at Ripley High School the following fall. He went from Ripley to Guthrie in 1939. From there, he went to Varnum and coached one year before enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard. Our country was in war and he felt a strong need to do his part.

While in the military, he had the opportunity to play football with the "Big Boys." He played in a military league with and against players from the NFC and AFC and was able to answer a question he had always harbored. He really was able to play with the "Big Boys."

"Coach" came back from the service and taught and coached at his Stillwater alma mater. He was able to touch the lives of many, many boys. In a sense, he always remained a boy, in that he understood where they were coming from. He had to be the most caring, fair teacher and coach that ever graced the halls.

He was a lover of nature and a conservationist. He enjoyed improving the land and providing for the wild life. He started putting together his dream farm when he left the military by acquiring 80 acres. With his determination and ingenuity, he saw it grow into 400 acres and a lovely place to allow his students and friends to enjoy. He was generous to a fault and the people who did not get to know Floyd Caldwell, missed a great blessing in life. He loved to fish, as was attested by the six ponds and lakes he built on his farm. His friends were always welcome and everyone considered him a friend. He touched a lot of lives and the world is a better place because of Floyd Caldwell.

Presenter
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