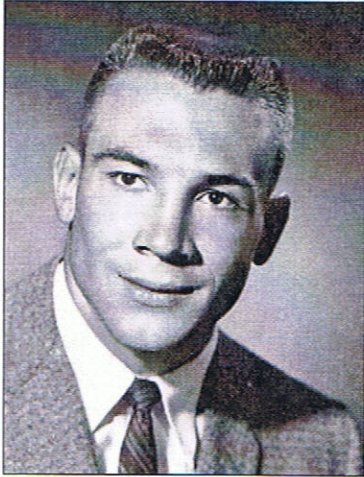




Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



DAVID "BRUCE" CAMPBELL

February 11, 1938 - January 2, 2013

Stillwater High School Class of 1956

19th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

October 4, 2014

David "Bruce" Campbell was born in Claremore, Oklahoma on February 11, 1938, to William David and Beatrice Johnson Campbell. Raised in Stillwater, Bruce graduated in 1956 from SHS where he played football and also wrestled. He dislocated his collar bone during his senior year and was unable to go to the state wrestling tournament. Bruce

went on to wrestle for Oklahoma State University and as a proud cowboy athlete earned NCAA championships in 1959 and 1961.

While at OSU, Bruce met and fell in love with Jeane Brown whom he wed in 1960. Bruce and Jeane had two daughters, Susan Campbell Glasgow of Enid and Debra Campbell of Seattle, Washington.

Upon graduation from OSU, Bruce was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam where he flew helicopters and the Mohawk surveillance aircraft. After 23 years of military service, Bruce retired as a Lt. Colonel. He and Jeane returned to Stillwater where he owned and successfully managed The Formal Place tuxedo shop in addition to working for Stillwater Flight Center as a flight instructor and charter pilot. He was a member of the Stillwater Rifle and Pistol Club and enjoyed participating in the Cowboy Action Shootouts.

Bruce enjoyed a lifetime of athleticism and fitness, inspiring friends and family. "I can't" were not words in his vocabulary. With encouragement and quiet strength, Bruce twice led his young daughters to Mt. Fuji's summit while stationed in Japan. He completed the Marine Corps Marathon in 1982. While he enjoyed water skiing, bicycling and walking in nature, Bruce also was a mentor to many young wrestlers, volunteering his time to help them become champions or simply to achieve their highest potential. He remained young at heart and dedicated to teaching through his lifetime.

Bruce is remembered as a humble, competent man who would drop everything to help anyone and would never shy away from a challenge. He was a hero to his family enjoyed time with his grandchildren. His playful mischievousness will be missed. Bruce passed away quietly on January 2, 2013.

Presenter

Barney Esparza, Stillwater Class of 1956