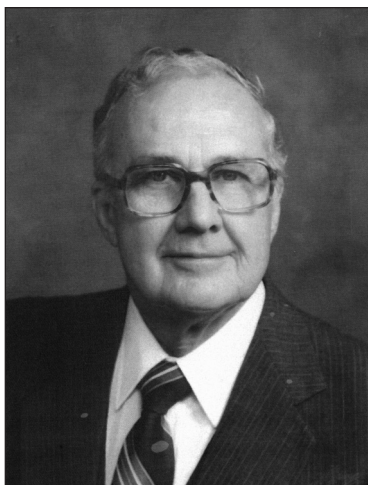




Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



CRAIG RULON CARMAIN

May 30, 1920 - December 27, 1994

Stillwater High School Class of 1938

15th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

October 2, 2010

Craig Rulon Carmain was born May 30, 1920, in Chanute, Kansas. He passed away December 27, 1994, in Lamar, Colorado. Craig and his family moved to Stillwater in 1930 where he graduated from Stillwater High School in 1938. He was a member of the 1938 Stillwater High School football team, the undefeated champions of the Northern and Cimarron Valley Conference. The 1938 Bronze and Blue states, "Craig Carmain was a halfback who played, and occasionally was a sticky fingered pass receiver, and a sure tackler who was hard to shake loose." Craig also lettered in basketball.

Craig married his high school sweetheart, Wanda Louise Gudgel, September 1944 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where Craig was on furlough from the Army. Wanda was also active in many Stillwater High School events - most notably, she was honored as Football Queen for the 1937-1938 school year.

Craig and Wanda have two daughters: Cynthia Ann (Mrs. Bill Priestly) of Agua Dulce, California; and Carla Marie (Mrs. Tom Herret) of Salt Lake City, Utah. They have one grandson Monte Craig Madsen (Lisa) of Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom; and one great-granddaughter, Liberty "Libby" Rose, also of Swansea.

Craig spent six years in the United States Army serving in the European theatre, the Philippines, and on Guadalcanal during World War II. He was later deployed to French Morocco where he assisted at an armed forces morgue. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantry badge.

Prior to serving his country, Craig attended Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater. He then attended and graduated from the Cincinnati College of Embalming following the war. Craig returned to Stillwater where he worked for Strode Funeral Home. After several years, Craig obtained his own funeral home in southwest Colorado. This was followed by funeral homes in Wyoming and northwest Colorado where he finally retired. At that time, both he and Wanda returned to the Arkansas Valley of southeastern Colorado. Their final resting place is at Ft. Lyon National Cemetery in this same area.

Craig is known for his caring nature and love of people which made his career as a funeral home director a perfect fit. He also served his communities through church work and leadership roles in Lion's Club, Freemasonry, Scottish Rite, and Shriners. Craig particularly loved working for the Shrine Club of southeastern Colorado in his later years with a focus on Transportation for the Intermountain Shriner's Childrens Hospital Salt Lake City.



Carla Herret