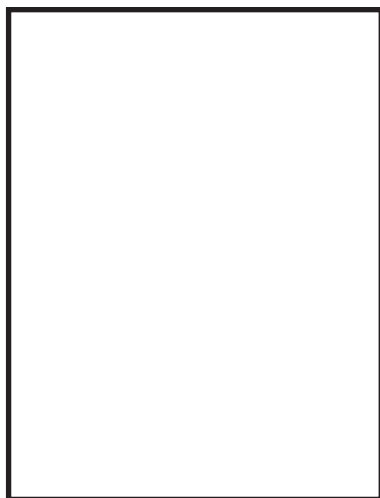


## ***Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial***

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**JAMES MICHAEL CLARK**

October 5, 1945 - February 28, 1979

Stillwater High School Class of 1964

Jim was born in San Francisco, California on October 5, 1945 to Capt. John M. and Janet Clark, USAF. Being from an Air Force family Jim lived the typical military life. He lived in California, Hawaii and France before finally coming home to Stillwater in 1958.

As a Freshman and Toy Pioneer, Jim was an outstanding halfback on an undefeated football team. During his freshman year he was also a member of the track team. Jim was a sprinter and a member of the relay teams.

When Jim graduated to high school he was a member of a team that was probably state championship quality but due to conference rules the team was not allowed to participate in the state playoffs. As a sophomore, Jim was a halfback on an undefeated Junior Varsity football team coached by C. D. Mihura. After football, Jim was a sprinter for Coach Jim Harris on the Pioneer track team.

Jim's junior year of football was not as successful as his sophomore year. Due to heavy graduation, this was a rebuilding year for Coach Tom Turvey. The Pioneers finished 6 and 4 this year but a bright future was ahead. This year Jim was again a member of a very successful track team---qualifying for the state track meet.

His senior year started off under new coach Jim Harris. The Pioneers of 1963 went all the way to the state championship game in football only to lose to John Marshall High School on the frozen turf of Owen Field. During Jim's senior year he was switched to split end and became a prime pass receiver. Jim's senior year was very successful in track as he was a state qualifier in several events.

After graduation, Jim began his career at Oklahoma State University as a Cowboy on the football team. In 1969 Jim entered the U.S. Army and fought in Viet Nam. 1970 brought the return of Jim to O.S.U. as a football coach coaching freshmen. He then went to coach at Southern Methodist University, Lamar University and finally ending his coaching career as a scout for the World Champion Dallas Cowboys. In 1978 Jim moved to Austin, Texas to be near his parents. Jim passes away on February 28, 1979.

Jim was a great friend to many of us. He will always be missed by his teammates and friends.