



Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



KENNETH RAY (KENNY) CLARK
March 16, 1942 - September 27, 2007
Stillwater High School Class of 1960

13th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony
October 4, 2008

Kenneth Ray (Kenny) Clark was born in Nowata, Oklahoma March 16, 1942 and left us at the early age of 65 on September 27, 2007.

Kenny's family was in the oil business and moved from Michigan to Stillwater in 1955. This would be the beginning of Kenny's outstanding athletic career as a Toy Pioneer, lettering in football, wrestling, and track in the next two years.

Beginning his sophomore year Coach Harris approached Kenny about his intention to play football. He informed the coach that not only was he going to play but had plans to letter his first year. Coach knew he had the ability but warned him that in high school the players were bigger and better than his previous teammates and Jr. high rivals, and not to set his goals too high. Kenny did have high goals and not only lettered in football his sophomore year but also lettered in wrestling, track, and baseball. He was truly one of the great athletes for Stillwater High School.

During the summers he played American Legion baseball. He would say he did it to stay in shape for football, but for those that knew his heart knew he did it for the love of all sports and his competitive drive to excel in all that he did. He pitched for the American Legion team and also won awards for most home runs.

Kenny, with his great personality, became very popular and fit in well with his classmates and friends. Those whose lives he touched in high school will always cherish the memories. There are lots of fun and loving stories told whenever Kenny's name is mentioned.

After high school Kenny chose to serve his country so he joined the U.S. Navy serving on the USS Saratoga. After his tour was completed he moved to the Dallas, Texas area and began a 35 year career with Halliburton Corp. During this time he married Joyce, his wife of 45 years. They had a son, Steven. This time of his life was spent watching and teaching Steven how to grow into the fine young man he is today. Kenny also became a winning little league football coach and avid golfer.

Kenny left an impact on the Pioneer athletic program in the late 50's. His presence made a difference to all the lives he touched during his school years, and later becoming a loving husband to wife Joyce, an inspiring father to son Steven, and a mentor and adoring grandfather to Cameron, Samantha, Cole and Jessica. He was a great brother to Bob and Lynn Dee and a champion uncle to all his nieces and nephews.

It is with great pleasure that he be placed among the great heroes of the Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial.

Presenter
Jim Smith
Stillwater High School Class of 1959