



Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



ROBERT G. "BOB" CUTTER

February 8, 1945 - December 26, 1998

Stillwater High School Class of 1963

4th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

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Remember back to those days of yesteryear when we patrolled the corridors of Stillwater High School. Our class of 1963 was a transition class. No more Senior Sneak - we would understand. No more Junior-

Senior Prom - we would understand. In football, we were the transition team between beating up on the smaller rivals (Perry, Blackwell, Guymon, etc.) and playing in the big leagues - Enid, Norman, Midwest City. This transition allowed the Pioneers to win the State football championship by 1967. So it was also a transition year for Bob Cutter.

Born February 8, 1945, Bob was the third son of Lt. Col. James F. and Muriel Cutter. With his older brothers already out of the family home, only Bob and his sister, Kristen, moved with the Cutter family to Stillwater in the fall of 1962 when Col. Cutter began his assignment with the ROTC at OSU. I do not know how many times the Cutter's moved prior to arriving in Stillwater, but it must have been a difficult transition for Bob to enter into a completely new school for his Senior Year.

I was duly impressed with his letter jacket which had patches indicating All-Europe status for his football skills among the various base teams overseas. We had an All-Star on our team and we had not even played a game. He worked hard, practiced hard, competed hard, and ultimately played a lot of downs for his new high school team. He was accepted for who he was because of what he did and he gave us intangibles that were hard to verbalize as still maturing high school idiots - perseverance and friendship.

He graduated with us and went on to OSU. He became a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity and continued to enjoy the friendship and brotherhood of new friends and some of his Stillwater classmates as well. Bob graduated from OSU with an engineering degree and did what most of us did, got a job, worked hard, and started a family.

He took a job with the Kansas Department of Transportation which was to become his career. Ultimately Bob became the Assistant to Transportation Engineering in the Office of Engineering Support.

Over a bowl of chili among friends, he met Carol. They married on June 20, 1970, and, in biblical terminology, begat Kelli Michelle, and Lori Rene. He became active in the local Optimist Club and was elected to various leadership positions. His special interest was working with youth activities. He eventually was elected Governor of the Kansas District and Vice President of Optimist International. I am sure his dedication to each of those things, particularly his family, was similar to the dedication he showed to us while at Stillwater High School. Bob passed away December 26, 1998.

Even though my association with Bob was limited to a final high school year and various encounters on the OSU campus, I am proud to call Bob my friend. As a class officer for the Class of 1963 it is with great pleasure, though tainted with sorrow, to present to Bob's family this plaque to commemorate his inclusion in the Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial.

Presenter
Glen Mitchell
Stillwater High School, Class of 1963