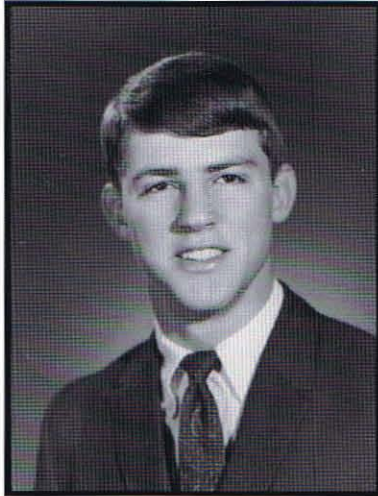




## ***Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial***

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### **NICHOLAS DREESSEN**

January 26, 1949 - August 1, 1994

Stillwater High School Class of 1967

Being the best that he could be was the trait that set Nick Dreesen apart from many. Somewhere in his early high school career, Nick realized that he had been endowed with enough athletic potential to achieve the dreams to which most young athletes aspire. His ability to step outside of his carefree, fun-loving personality and focus on the specific task of improving himself soon began to define his serious demeanor on the athletic field. Nick's leadership was of the unspoken nature, as he exemplified the characteristics of hard work and dedication to his teammates. Through this hard work and his attitude for overcoming difficulty, Nick gained starting roles in both football and track at Stillwater High School.

Nick kept his personal goals well hidden. All that was visible, to those who knew him, were the goals of the team; he was definitely a team player. By the time he was a senior, Nick's influence and diligence helped mold a group of sandlot football friends into a well disciplined Pioneer Team.

Nick's emotional and physical growth from athletics carried over into other areas of his life. His desire to be the best that he could be was obvious as he excelled in his lifelong profession of flying and could also be seen in his attempts at entrepreneurship.

Nick's love for Stillwater High School and the Pioneers never stopped. In fact, this love seemed to grow as he matured as an individual. Through the wisdom of life, Nick came to realize that his participation in Pioneer Athletics had played an important role in teaching him to be the best that he could be! I think Nick Dreesen would have been very proud to know that his involvement in Pioneer Athletics was going to help other Pioneers be the best that they can be.