



Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



EDWIN E. GLOVER

March 29, 1922 - October 14, 2008

Stillwater High School Class of 1940

17th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

October 13, 2012

Edwin E. Glover was born March 29, 1922 to William Earl and Grace Andrews Glover on the Andrews family homestead Southwest of Stillwater. The Andrews homestead was located on what is now bordered by Western Street from 19th to 26th Street and East and which was claimed in the Oklahoma Run. The old original homestead still stands and is located on its original foundation.

Ed (or Papa as he is known to his family) attended Pleasant Valley School as a child and was instrumental in saving the old schoolhouse from destruction. He entered Stillwater High School in September 1936, then located on Duck Street between 8th and 9th Streets. He said in his autobiography, "One of the good breaks that came to me was an opportunity to enter into the high school athletic program. I elected to try out for the wrestling team and made it, lettering the first year and making several friends who were also wrestlers. Our coach, Mr. Ross Flood, was a member of the 1934-35 Olympic team. The Pioneer wrestling team competed in the Cimarron conference, making the full round in each of the three years I participated. Members of the team included J.D. Cheek, Vernon Longfellow, Rex Demaree, Brickly Griffiths, Hal Moore, Virgil Gregory, Winsel Bilyeu, Jake Creason, Harry Vansickle, Gordon and John Flesne and James Church. During Christmas holidays the team made a 400-mile tour performing dual matches with most of the teams in our conference. Our team took third in the regional meet."

Ed went on to attend Oklahoma A&M and participated on the wrestling team led by the famous Ed Gallagher who was always an inspiration to the boys on the team. During WWII he was enrolled in ROTC and on April 6, 1943, his entire ROTC class of 400+ was called to active duty and went to what they named the "Benning School for Boys" at Ft. Benning, GA where he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. On July 1, 1944 his contingent of officers and enlisted men left for England. They finally landed at Utah Beach on July 15. Ed was wounded and captured by the Germans as a Prisoner of War on the Meuse River in Belgium and was in five German POW camps before his last camp was liberated on April 15, 1945 by British Field Marshall Montgomery. He narrowly escaped having his leg being amputated because of a French doctor in the camp who volunteered to handle his medical aid and was successful in saving it. He spent two years in a hospital recovering from his wound. He retired as a Captain in the Infantry Division receiving numerous awards and citations. They include the Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation with Palm, POW Medal, ETO Ribbon with two battle stars, and American Theatre Medal, Victory Medal, and the Medal of Valor, State of Oklahoma.

Following a return to OAMC he received his degree and went on to serve the University in many capacities as Assistant Accountant, Assistant Chief Accountant and Internal Auditor. He was promoted to Director and Department Head of Internal Audits and remained in the position until his retirement in September 1974. His Internal Program in Internal Audits will be remembered by many.

He was an avid supporter of all things about Stillwater, participating in the Payne County Audubon Society, the OSU Arboretum, Pleasant Valley School Board and was one of OSU's best supporters and avid fan of all sports. He remained active in promoting the National Society of Scabbard & Blade at the University until his passing.

He was married to his high school sweetheart, Mary Lucille Hall (SHS 1940) and they celebrated 58 years of marriage. She preceded him in death in 1999. They had two children, Linda K. Mahar (SHS 1962) of Mission Viejo, CA and Thomas E. Glover (SHS 1965) of Broken Arrow. They also had five grandchildren, Natalie Glover Nirk, Lara Glover Friend, Sean Glover, Lisa Mahar and Ryan Mahar, as well as six great grandchildren. He thrived on being very active throughout his entire life and enjoyed the simple things such as nature walks, gardening, bird watching, and time spent with family to name a few. His friends were many and his love of life contagious.

*Presenter
Natalie Glover Nirk*