



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

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**THOMAS BROWNING HUDSON**

February 25, 1947 - June 26, 1996

Stillwater High School Class of 1965

2nd Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

October 11, 1997

Tom Hudson was born on February 25, 1947 in Oklahoma City to Roy and Palma Hudson. He moved to Stillwater in 1962 and was a skilled and talented student athlete for Stillwater High School. He earned eight varsity letters; three football, two basketball, and three track. Most importantly, Tom was a team leader on and off the athletic field. Not only was Tom one of the top athletes of his class, he also was an Honors Student throughout high school.

He started at quarterback on the varsity as a sophomore until he broke his collar bone in the Enid football game. The next year he moved to offensive/defensive end and eventually made All-District his senior year. In basketball he was a top rebounder and team leader, as well as a constant and steady performer. A low and high hurdler in track, he was a top performer in Regional and State competition.

After high school he initially entered Oklahoma State University before enlisting in the Navy. As a Corpsman in the Navy he honorably served his country in Vietnam, participating in numerous combat actions. After military service, he returned to Oklahoma State University and received his master's degree in Chemistry.

At the time of his death, June 26, 1996, he was Vice-President of marketing for Inspectorate American Corporation. A dedicated family man, Tom had three daughters, Holli, Courtney, Kristen, and one granddaughter, Billi. He was married to the former Susy Thompson for 26 years.

Tom was a man of character, selflessness, integrity, professionalism and, above all, a person that everybody loved and respected. He was one of those few people in the world that nobody had a bad word for, and just as importantly, he never had a bad word for anyone else. He was a great athlete, outstanding student, combat veteran, community leader, successful businessman, industry leader, and dedicated family man. He spent his life helping others, rather than himself: a definite member of the Pioneer Athlete Memorial.