



Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



CLINTON S. "WINDY" MILLER

May 5, 1918 - January 1, 1998

Stillwater High School Class of 1936

13th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

October 4, 2008

Clinton S. "Windy" Miller was a latecomer to Stillwater High School, but the wait was worthwhile for SHS sportswatchers. A member of the SHS Class of 1936, he moved to Stillwater from Fairfax for his junior year. He lettered in football, basketball, and baseball, his favorite was football. It was reported, "Miller, big Stillwater ball lugger, played every position in the backfield (and) was a whale of a defensive player." "Miller was nearly all of

the Pioneer offense in early games, a passer, punter and runner of note. He scored the greater portions of his team's points and was dependable in all departments." For his efforts, he was selected to the second all-conference team at quarterback, and Honorable Mention on most generally accepted all-Oklahoma interscholastic football teams, as quarterback or fullback. The theme continued during his senior year, being selected to the all-state second team.

Of note was Windy's play during his junior year in the Perry game. The teams were tied for the conference championship, but the Perry boys were substantially bigger. In those days, Windy did not wear a helmet. A tackle during the second quarter caused him to be taken from the field - either unconscious or incoherent. He "was able to return late in the game, but the jig was up with the young general gone." The Pioneers lost to Perry, but Windy always wore a helmet after that.

Windy married his high school sweetheart, homecoming queen Marguerite DuPree, days before they graduated from Stillwater High School in 1936. They remained married for more than 51 years. His younger brother, Olen, who is also being inducted today, followed his lead of excellence in Stillwater football. His brothers-in-law Gordon DuPree and Nolen Cathey had preceded him at SHS. One other brother-in-law, Ralph Foster, played on the Perry team. All of these men would find themselves playing football for Oklahoma A&M.

At Oklahoma A&M, Windy continued to demonstrate his football prowess, playing in the backfield at whatever position was needed. Football wasn't his only focus, as he was one of 19 Aggie athletes to be named to the Dean's Honor Roll the Spring Semester of his senior year. In 1941, Windy received his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma A&M in history with a physical education major. Windy signed as director of health and physical education at Jackson Junior High School in Oklahoma City. That winter, his first child was born, future OSU quarterback Mike Miller. World War II interrupted fatherhood and career, and Windy found himself at Norfolk Navy Station with other Pioneers and Cowboys, including Nolen Cathey and Ralph Foster.

Upon his return from the War, Windy attended Oklahoma A&M and received his Masters Degree in Secondary Education. In 1946 and 1947, Windy taught at Andover, Kansas, where he coached both the boys' and girls' basketball teams. In 1948 he returned to Stillwater, where he operated a café on Knoblock, the "Anchor Inn." The family relocated to Oklahoma City in 1951, with Windy coaching at Northeast High School.

After an association with Buck's Sporting goods in 1953 as a salesman, Windy decided to open his own sports business, along with his Pioneer brother-in-law Gordon DuPree. "Miller/DuPree" was born in 1961. After DuPree relocated to Stillwater in the mid-60's, "Miller's" continued in operation for many years in Oklahoma City, with son Mike joining in the business. "Miller's" continued as long as Windy's health would allow. Windy was also known for his service to others. He served faithfully as an early-service usher at his church for many years. When an employee got in trouble with the law, Windy not only took the time to testify for the employee, but also to drive twice daily to take the employee to work and then back. Unsolicited, he would collect clothing for families he knew needed help.

Windy's son, Mike, and daughter, Margo, gave him four granddaughters and two step-grandchildren. The two eldest granddaughters remember him taking them trick-or-treating and then, after they were asleep, carefully sorting through all the candy to reserve the special pieces for himself! Windy is yet another example of Pioneer Pride.

Presenter

Tom Cathey

Stillwater High School Class of 1965