



Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



OLEN EDWARD MILLER

July 16, 1921 - September 18, 2007
Stillwater High School Class of 1939

13th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony
October 4, 2008

Olen Edward Miller was born in Blackburn, Oklahoma on July 16, 1921 and passed away on September 18, 2007 in Buchanan Dam, Texas. Olen graduated from Stillwater High School in 1939. His name is mentioned numerous times in the 1938 and 1939 Bronze and Blue year books. The most notable are his many accomplishments in athletics and leadership. He was co-captain of the 1937 football team. This team was undefeated champions of the Northern Conference of the Cimarron Valley. The 1938 Bronze and Blue indicates that "quarterback Olen Miller probably was the most skilled pass thrower in the state. Completing his triple threat ability was the way he carried the ball, which enabled him to be high point man with over eighty points". He received an award for being an all star quarterback.

He also, lettered in basketball and was the team captain of the baseball team. He was President of the Letterman Club, secretary/treasurer of Boys Future Home Makers club and secretary/treasurer of the boys quarter.

Olen received a football scholarship and earned a bachelor's degree in 1943 and went on to graduate with a master's degree in 1947. Both degrees were in education from Oklahoma A&M. In his education career he served as principal and football coach in Alabama and Oklahoma.

He joined the United States Army in 1943. He proudly served his country in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. In Stillwater, in 1945 he married Willette Weeks who became his life long companion. He and his wife moved to Buchanan Dam, where he was owner of the Buchanan Building and the Buchanan Trailer Park. He was a member of the Tow Volunteer Fire Department, the American Legion and the VFW. He was one of the founding members of the Highland Lakes United Methodist Church in Buchanan Dam in 1987. He loved to fish, be outdoors and learn more about our nation's history.

In summary, Olen Miller was the ideal student, sportsman and citizen that we would hope the youth of today would aspire to emulate.

*Presenter
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