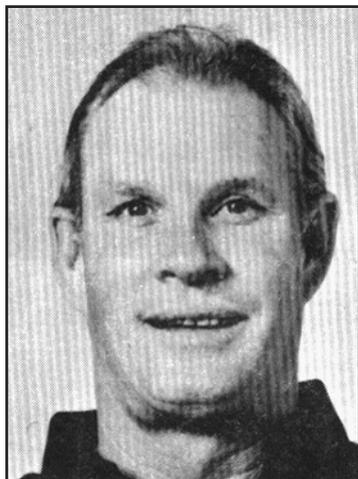




## *Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial*

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### CHIP MYERS

July 9, 1945 - February 23, 1999

Stillwater High School Class of 1963

5th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

October 7, 2000

Chip was born July 9, 1945, the oldest child of Phil and Dorothy Myers. He grew up in Stillwater with his brother Jim and sister Mary Margaret. Those who know him will attest that Chip "had it all." His love of sports and an unparalleled athletic ability provided for a rewarding professional football career. The foundation of Chip's values and his work ethic started right here at Stillwater High School. Pioneer Pride encouraged Chip to steadily grow into a remarkable person. Chip would be proud to be honored in this

Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial.

Recognizing a man's career accomplishments can be done in several ways. Looking at Chip's football statistics illustrates the tremendous success he achieved as a player and coach. After a "stand out" senior year as a receiver on the Pioneer football team and as a State Champion pole-vaulter on the track team, Chip continued to develop athletically. He attended college at Northwestern State in Alva, Oklahoma on a basketball scholarship and joined the track team as a pole-vaulter and excelled as a sprinter. He later began playing football and developed into an outstanding player. He held several school records as a receiver and was inducted into the Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. Chip was the first Northwestern player drafted by the National Football League. For eight of the nine years as a professional player, he played wide receiver for the Cincinnati Bengals. He finished his NFL playing career with 220 catches for 3,092 yards as an All-Pro Receiver. His passion for football continued as a professional coach in the NFL for nine years. While coaching for the Minnesota Vikings, he was elevated to offensive coordinator just prior to his death, caused by a heart attack, at the age of 53.

In addition to his career accomplishments, Chip was a dedicated and loving family man. His wife and children were very dear to him. During the off seasons, time together with his family was often spent enjoying many outdoor activities. Boating, water skiing, snow skiing, and camping were just a few activities he loved, but his true love was fishing. As much as his schedule would allow, Chip was "gone fishin."

When the name Chip Myers is mentioned, many traits come to mind. A positive, optimistic attitude; hard work and dedication to being the best; courage to play with pain and a love of the game of football all helped develop an outstanding athlete and person. He was truly a winner throughout every aspect of his life. He was a friendly and caring man who would provide help to anyone in need. Yes, Chip was a famous professional athlete. He rubbed shoulders with many of the sports celebrities, but he never lost his humility as being the "good ole boy" from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Today we honor and induct Chip Myers into the Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial. He may be one of the finest athletes to ever come from Stillwater High School. Chip, we will miss you as a son, as a brother, as a husband, as a father, and as a friend. You are missed.

Presenter  
Larry Wilsey  
Stillwater High School, Class of 1963