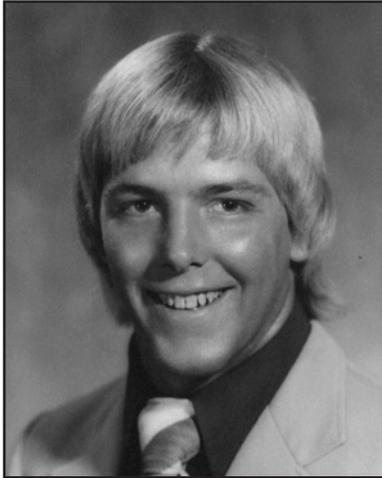


## *Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial*

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**SAMUEL P. SATTERFIELD**

May 22, 1958 - April 23, 1978

Stillwater High School Class of 1976

5th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

October 7, 2000

Samuel Paul Satterfield was born in Stillwater, on May 22, 1958, to Sam P. and Alice Satterfield. He graduated with the Stillwater Pioneers Class of 1976. He died April 23, 1978. At the time of his death, he was a second year student majoring in Agronomy at Oklahoma State University with a promising future.

From an early age Sam's athleticism was a defining component of his character. During his high school years, he lettered all four years and led the Pioneer baseball team in hitting. He was also named the All District Football Defensive Player of the year his senior year. Sam was involved in school organizations off the playing field as well, such as, S Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Library Club.

Sam was a very well liked person among all of his classmates and was recognized as Class Royalty two years in a row. Sam was a tough, hard working individual and a loyal friend. He was the kind of fellow who said what he meant and meant what he said. You could always depend on Sam to do what he said he was going to do. His honest and sincere attitude towards people gained him much respect among his classmates from all grades.

Sam came by his Pioneer spirit honestly. Having school spirit seemed to be a family trait. He had the support of dedicated parents who attended games and would drive Sam and his fellow students to out of town games. He was also fortunate to have two Pioneer spirited sisters who involved themselves in many Pioneer academic and athletic activities. His sister Paula, a graduate of the Class of 1973, was a member of the Student Council and President of the Pioneer Pep Club. His sister Mira, a graduate of the Class of 1975, performed in gymnastics and was a member of GRA and DECA.

Sam left an indelible impression on many people. When the class of 1976 has reunions, Sam is always fondly remembered by his peers. During these events, it is common to hear people say "I was just thinking about Sam the other day."

A poem published in our Class of 1976 twentieth reunion program states . . .

SOME PEOPLE COME INTO OUR LIVES AND QUICKLY GO,  
SOME STAY FOR AWHILE AND LEAVE FOOTPRINTS ON OUR LIVES,  
AND WE ARE NEVER THE SAME. ANONYMOUS

Sam Satterfield left footprints on many of our lives.

Presenter  
Kenny Parks  
Stillwater High School, Class of 1976