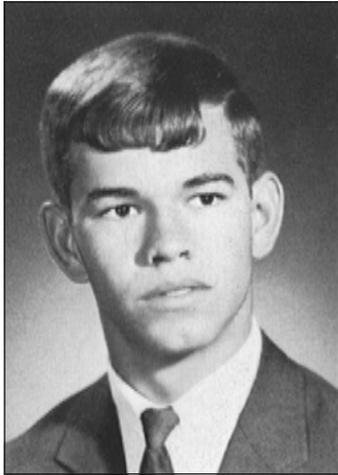




## ***Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial***

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### **JAMES HARRIS SHIELDS**

January 2, 1949 - July 15, 2006

Stillwater High School Class of 1967

12th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony

September 29, 2007

Jim moved to Stillwater in 1962. His dad moved the family here to coach the OSU ROTC Rifle Team. Jim began his Pioneer career in 1963 playing both Football and Baseball. He was not a great athlete but he was a great Pioneer. He knew every play, he was coachable, and he did what was needed to help the team.

After graduating from SHS Jim attended Oklahoma State and graduated in 1971. Coach Harris helped him get his first coaching job in Cyril, Oklahoma. Later he moved to Fredrick, Antlers, and finally Cushing.

While Jim was at Cushing he coached Football, Baseball, Wrestling, and Boys and Girls Basketball. He loved to Coach. What he really loved were the kids. When most people measure a coach's success by wins and losses, Jim measured it by the kids he impacted. There is no doubt that Jim wanted to win more than anything. He was a fierce competitor but give him a choice of helping a young athlete or getting a victory. He would choose to help the young athlete.

Later in his career he left coaching to take over the Cushing Public School's physical plants. It was a big undertaking but he took on every challenge so the kids would have a safe place to learn and grow. Jim was a member of the Oklahoma School Plant Managers Association. He was a board member and past president. The OSPMA honored Jim by naming their annual Golf Tournament, The Jim Shields Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament.

When the Cushing School system decided to build an Activities Center at the High School they made Jim the project manager, not because of his construction skills but because of his passion and work ethic. It was going to be done right and he was there to make sure of that. His efforts paid off and Cushing has a terrific Activities Center. There is also a Jim Shields Wrestling Scholarship at Cushing High School, given each year to a deserving high school wrestler.

Jim had many loves: OSU athletics, Cushing wrestling, golf, his family and friends. He found his greatest joy with his grand kids. Jim will be missed by all of us and especially by the kids he loved so much.

Presenter  
Steve Flaming  
Stillwater High School Class of 1967