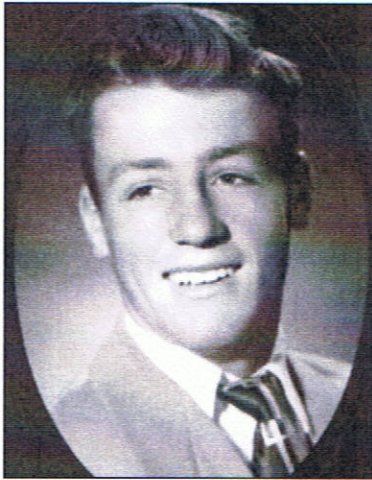




Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



ZANE CHESTER STITES

June 23, 1934 - May 4, 2014

Stillwater High School Class of 1952

20th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony
September 26, 2015

Zane was born and raised in Stillwater and dearly loved this city. In his high school years, Zane lettered in both football and baseball and also spent a bit of time "dragging" Main Street. He was the oldest of his four siblings and took that responsibility very seriously. Following high school, he played center on the OSU freshman football team but interrupted his education to serve his country in the Army. He spent seventeen months in Korea as a staff sergeant, departing USA six months after his marriage to Susan Collins. Following their return to Stillwater, Zane graduated from OSU in 1960 and held jobs in Amarillo and Richardson, Texas and Clovis, New Mexico.

He became president of Corsicana National Bank in Corsicana, TX in 1968 and retired in 2000 while serving as the chairman of the board for several more years. Zane was a dedicated community and church volunteer serving on many boards, filming college and high school football games, coaching Little League baseball for many years, and singing in the church choir. He served on the administrative board of Navarro College for sixteen years.

Zane had many and varied interests including golf (he had played courses in all 50 states as well as England and Scotland), skiing, woodworking, teaching adult Sunday School, and traveling with family and friends. He was very proud of his children-Karen Leskoven and her husband Les and Tim Stites and his wife Ann. His beloved grandchildren are Andrew Young and his wife Haley, Bobby Scott, Catherine Young, and Russell Stites. He was also blessed by a great-granddaughter, Hadlie Elizabeth.

Zane and Susan enjoyed 59 years of marriage, traveling to all fifty states, the United Kingdom and much of Canada. He received many awards, but this recognition of his time at Stillwater High School would mean as much or more than any of the others.

*Presenter
Tim Stites*