



Stillwater Pioneer Athlete Memorial



REX E STOCKARD

October 31, 1939 - June 30, 2012

Stillwater High School Class of 1957

18th Annual Memorial Induction Ceremony
September, 2013

Rex E. Stockard was born October 31, 1939, in Cushing, Oklahoma, to Rex and Helen Stockard. He passed away on June 30, 2012, at his home in Stillwater, Oklahoma, at the age of 72. He is survived by his children Stacey Blevins and Eliot Stockard.

Rex moved to Stillwater for his last year in elementary school attending Jefferson Elementary. He quickly made friends and was just as quickly dubbed "Eff" by his closest buddies. That was taken from Ephraim which was his dad's middle name. Rex's middle name was just the initial E.

He was athletic through his young life playing baseball, fishing, hunting, and golfing. He was on the Toy Pioneer wrestling team his freshman year at Stillwater High School. He lettered in golf his sophomore year and became a formidable competitor of that sport. He decided during his junior year to try baseball and made the "A" team. The Newspress described him in an article that spring as a "peppery little second baseman and hitter". He was a member of the State Championship baseball team his senior year. He also played on the Guthrie American Legion baseball team the summers of 1956 and 1957.

Rex attended Oklahoma State University from 1957 and graduated with a major in zoology in 1961. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and Alpha Pi Mu honorary pre-medical fraternity. He entered the University of Oklahoma Medical School in 1961 and graduated in 1965. He remained at the University of Oklahoma during his internship and his internal medicine residency. He followed that with a one-year Fellowship in Cardiovascular Disease.

Rex served two years in the Army at Ft. Hood, Texas and Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, as chief of medicine at both bases. Dr. Stockard began private practice in Lawton, Oklahoma, in 1972, after he was honorably discharged. While in practice, Dr. Stockard served on the executive committee in Comanche County Memorial hospital and was president of the medical staff for two years. He was chairman of the Department of Medicine for four years. He was a member of the AMA, OSMA, Comanche County Medical Society, American College of Medicine, Stewart Wolf Society and clinical instructor in medicine at OUHSC. Rex was an avid and skillful golfer, playing as often as possible until his back surgery in 2008. He supported and sponsored young golfers at Cameron University while in Lawton.

After retiring in 2008 after 36 years in medical practice in Lawton, Rex returned to his home in Stillwater. He loved Oklahoma State University and was a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and Posse Club. He was a huge fan of OSU athletics, attending wrestling matches, football games and both men's and women's basketball games.

Presenter

Stan Ward, Stillwater High School Class of 1957