

DAVE GRIDLEY



Dave Gridley (SHS Class of 1954). Four sport champion. Dave is one of the few athletes in Sisters High School history to have excelled in four sports throughout his high school career, having starred in football, basketball, baseball, and track. On the football field, Dave played three years as quarterback and defensive end for the SHS six-man teams, and was the first SHS senior to be selected for the state East-West Shrine Game. On the basketball court (Dave's primary sport), Dave lettered all four years, was team MVP his junior and senior seasons, and twice was named to the Oregon 6-B All-Tournament Team as a forward. Dave also excelled on the baseball diamond, and placed third at the state track meet in the high jump his senior year. Dave enlisted in the army after high school and served honorably for four years. While serving 14 months in Germany, Dave continued to play basketball on the Army basketball team. Dave returned to central Oregon and worked as a line foreman for Central Electric Co-Op for more than 30 years. Dave married his high school sweetheart, Leona Pepperling, in 1954 and remained married to Leona until Dave's passing in 2008. Dave's outside activities were far and wide, ranging from the Elks and VFW, city basketball, coaching and working with youth, rodeos (including bulldogging in the Sisters Rodeo), bowling, hunting and fishing, and even drag-racing in Madras. Bulldog tough, gladiator, confident, and leader are just some of the many words both teammates and competitors alike have used to describe Dave.



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