



## **2017 Phil Barber Award for Outstanding Community Patron**

### **Phil Barber**

Phil Barber moved to Southlake in 1978 & after retirement devoted much of his time to volunteer work at Carroll Senior High School. He enjoyed selling football tickets at the Senior High School, helping with the football chains at the JV and Freshman games, managing player flags at the stadium and coaching the 7 on 7 team for several years. He was also a regular in the stands at baseball & basketball games, at cross country meets, and kept records for the swim & dive team for years. He was one of the original Dragon Council members and in 2011 was elected to the Carroll Athletic Hall of Honor. Dragon Nation has always been known for its fans, but very few have ever done it with as much

love & passion as Phil Barber did it for almost four decades. He's generally considered the Dragon's #1 fan - proudly sharing that he only missed one football game from 1978 to 2016 ... for his daughter Sara's wedding. He was especially proud of taking his friend, Glen Brasher to all of the Carroll football games for 22 years. Although Phil was best known as a sports fan, the community also knew him as a man with a heart of gold. He knew everyone by name and made sure to say hello when he saw you. He was a great mentor and a great friend to all. While he moved from the Southlake area in 2016 to Tomball to be closer to his family, he would still travel for Dragon events any time he could. He was the obvious choice for the Inaugural Community Patron Award. His love and enthusiasm for all things Carroll was evident from the moment you met him and for those that had the pleasure of knowing him, their lives were forever changed for the better. He was an inspiration to all & truly had a heart of a Dragon. Mr. Phil Barber passed away in July of 2018.