

Distinguished Alumnus 2002  
Volney Meece  
Class of 1948

Volney Meece was born in 1925 and graduated in 1943 from Tonkawa High School. After serving three years in the Army Air Corps, he attended Northern Oklahoma Junior College, earning an Associate of Arts degree. He served in all capacities on *The Maverick* newspaper staff, but most of his work was as sports editor. He obtained a degree in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma.

He worked for the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Oklahoma City Times*, becoming a sports columnist in 1952. In 1962 he was named the first Oklahoma Sports Writer of the Year.

Married to Mattie Lou Barker Bittle, he was considered one of the greatest sportswriters ever to work in Oklahoma. Mr. Meece was inducted to the Oklahoma City 89ers Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame and was an honorary member of several sports associations. He authored one book, *Thirteen Years of Winning Football under Bud Wilkinson*. He died in 1995.