

LYLE PAGEL

Lyle Pagel grew up on the family farm in Wessington Springs, South Dakota. He found a way into town to play baseball, starting at 8 years old, a sport he played until graduating from college. Lyle played football, basketball and ran track while in high school (earning 11 varsity letters) along with Legion baseball in the summer. He graduated from high school in 1970.

Lyle attended SDSU, graduating with a degree in Health, Physical Education and recreation in 1974. He was a four year letterman in baseball and was selected to the NCAA All American 2nd team (D2) in 1973.

He began his teaching career in Colman, South Dakota in 1974. Lyle taught Jr High science and elementary physical education for 5 years. During his stay in Colman, he was head football coach, assistant boys basketball coach and head track coach. Lyle was also head girls basketball coach for 1 year.

Lyle spent 1 year in Flandreau teaching biology, assisting in football and freshman boys basketball.

Lyle moved to Rapid City in 1980 to begin his 39 year teaching and coaching at Stevens High School. He was an assistant coach in football, boys and girls basketball and track and field.

Lyle was the head boys basketball coach at Stevens for 11 years, winning the state title in 1989 and was runner up in 1995.

He was also the boys and girls hurdle coach for 19 seasons. Stevens High hurdlers were on the podium 103 times. During that stretch, Lyle coached 24 state champions and 22 runners up. Lyle retired from coaching 3 years ago, after 45 years in the profession.

Lyle and his wife, Jo, have been married for 39 years. They have 2 daughters – Ramsee (husband Nick) and Samee (husband Steve) and 6 grandchildren. Lyle and Jo spend their free time chasing grandchildren, hiking, biking and playing golf.

It has truly been an honor to have taught and coached at Stevens High School. I've been so blessed to be surrounded by such an awesome family and to have been able to work with talented coaches and athletes.

