

RON RIHERD

Ron Riherd grew up on a farm near Beresford, SD. He was active in basketball, football and track and served as State Treasurer in FFA. He graduated from USD/S in Springfield, SD and received his Masters Degree in Mathematics from USD. His first teaching position in 1970 was at Yankton, SD. There he taught mathematics and coached boys and girls basketball, track, cross country and tennis.

In the fall of 1980, Ron and his wife Gloria along with daughters Jill and Jody moved to Rapid City. Ron was the head Girls basketball coach from 1980 to 2001. Being blessed with great assistant coaches and great players, his teams won 15 district championships and placed from 3rd through 7th in the various state tournaments. During this time, Ron also assisted with the boys program as well. After 38 years, Ron retired from teaching in 2008.

Ron received numerous area coach of the year awards for both girls and boys basketball. Other awards Ron has received include SD Basketball Coaches Hall of Shrine, SD Coaches Hall of Fame, the Rapid City Officials Hall of Fame and the Activities Association Max Hawk Award.

After retiring from the girls program he continued to assist the boys as a Sophomore coach until 2012. In the fall of 2014 the head boys position opened and Ron was given the opportunity to become the head boys coach.

Ron has served as President of the SD Basketball Coaches Association and the President of the SD Coaches Association. He is also involved with the SD Retired School Personnel, serving as State Treasurer and now as Past President.

In 2016 Ron was elected to the Rapid City Area Schools Board of Education where he served as President in 2019. He is a member of the Board of Trustees for Western Dakota Technical College. He also serves on the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame committee. For the past 5 years Ron has been an assistant coach for the SD Mines Mens basketball team.

Ron and Gloria now enjoy watching all 5 of their grandchildren play basketball. Jill and Brent have 3 children playing for Brandon Valley and Jody and Dennis have 2 upcoming stars developing their skills in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

