

BARBARA (RIEMENSCHNEIDER) BATES

Barbara Riemenschneider was born and raised in Rapid City. She is the youngest of 3 children and the daughter of Lou and Norma Riemenschneider. Barb attended Canyon Lake Elementary School and Dakota Middle School. Growing up, Barb was active in all sports and fine arts. She played softball from age 8 to 18 at Canyon Lake Little League and Senior League. In high school, Barb participated in band, volleyball, basketball and track & field. She played french horn in the SHS Symphonic Band and was a member of the All-State Orchestra. Throughout her athletic career at Stevens, Barb was a contributing member of state 3rd place, runner-up and championship teams in basketball, volleyball and track & field. She earned five 2nd place finishes and six all-class gold medal victories at state track meets in hurdle and sprint relay events (3 Gold Medal Awards for 2 consecutive years). Barb was the first Raider girl to win a state title in the hurdles. She was selected as the Class AA Female Track and Field Athlete of the Year in 1987 by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association who also selected her to the Class A All-Tournament State Volleyball Team in 1988. To cap off her senior year, Barb earned Rapid City Female Athlete of the Year accolades. She was awarded the SHS Gold Letter Award and elected as Top Raider Girl. Post high school, Barb attended South Dakota State University. She played volleyball for 2 years and ran track for 4 – earning varsity letters for all. She qualified for the DII National Indoor Track and Field Championships twice and earned All-America honors. She holds/held Top 10 All-Time positions on the SDSU record boards for numerous events. Barb graduated from SDSU in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and Secondary Education. She later continued her education at the University of Northern Iowa earning her Masters of Science Education degree in 2008. Education and athletics continue to be a focus for Barb in her professional career. She has enjoyed sharing her learning and experiences with students while teaching science spanning middle through high school grades. Barb continues to be active in sports as a high school athletic coach. She thrives on teaching, guiding and encouraging young athletes to achieve their goals in the sports she enjoyed in her youth. Barb and her husband, Dave, currently live in Waverly, Iowa. They have enjoyed following their three children in their own athletic endeavors throughout their secondary and collegiate careers. Rapid City Stevens High School had a huge impact on Barb's life. She is grateful to have been supported by her family, teammates and friends. She feels fortunate to have been taught, coached and inspired by so many amazing people (including multiple SHS hall of fame recipients).

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