

Hall of Fame - Class of 1997

Louise Ritter

Red Oak, Texas

Achievements, Honors and Awards:

- 1973 Won the Intermediate State High Jump competition with a T.A.A.F. record setting jump of 5'10" and she is still the state record holder for this age group 23 years later.
- 1973 Won the T.A.A.F. State Championships Intermediate Girls' Long Jump.
- As a high school sophomore she recorded the second highest jump in the nation.
- Won UIL Texas High School Girls 2A State Championship.
- 1977, 78, 79 Won AIAW National High Jump Championships.
- 1979 Won the Pan American Games High Jump Championship.
- 1980 Selected to the US Olympic Team, Moscow Olympics that USA boycotted.
- Won the USA - Eastern Europe meet in Los Angeles, set American record of 6'6 ¼".
- 1983 Won Bronze Medal at the World Championship.
- Won the USA trials and was selected to the 1984 USA Olympic Team, finished eighth in Los Angeles.
- 1985 & 1986 Won the TAC Championships.
- 1987 Finished eighth in the World Championship.
- 1988 Co-Captain of the USA Olympic Team.
- 1988 Won the Gold Medal in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, set Olympic record 6'8".
- Set her first American record at age 20 and her last at age 30. During this time she has broken and held the American Record in the Women's High Jump on ten separate occasions.
- Winner of eight (8) TAC National Championships.
- 1989 Was the Official Spokesperson for the T.A.A.F. 1989 Games of Texas, commenting, "**Sixteen years ago I was a young girl with a big dream. It's fitting to give something back to the organization that allowed me to live what I dared to dream.**"

Inducted into the T.A.A.F. Hall of Fame on January 16th, 1997

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