

# *Korena (Stevens) Sundell*

Korena (Stevens) Sundell was raised by her Mother in St. Louis Missouri. She grew up off of Dillon Road in High Ridge along with her 3 sisters and 1 brother. She is a proud graduate of Brennan Woods elementary school and a 1988 graduate of Northwest High School. During her high school career, she was one of the few athletes to play and letter in five sports, which included Softball, Basketball, Track, Volleyball, and Cross Country. She competed at the State Track Meet for high jump and was a 3-year starter for basketball. She led the Lions to a 21-4 record her Senior year, averaging 19 points a game.

After high school, Korena played basketball at Northeast Missouri State in Kirksville. After her freshman year, she transferred to University of Missouri Rolla where she continued her basketball career. She graduated from UMR with a Civil Engineering degree where she was a three-year letter winner despite blowing out her knee.

Directly out of college, Korena started her professional career at Sverdrup Engineering in St. Charles, Missouri. She also was a member of the St. Louis RiverQueens, a professional women's basketball team in the WBA. Korena went on to create, manage and play for St. Louis Goldstar, a team composed of former college basketball players that played exhibition games against Division 1 and Division 2 Universities throughout the midwest, which she did for 10 years.

In 1997, Korena married Bob Sundell and moved to Maryville Missouri where she continues to reside. Bob and Korena have 2 children. Their son Jalen is a 3-time National Champion and starting offensive lineman for North Dakota State University. Their daughter Serena was 2021 Miss Show Me Basketball and is now an All Big 12 Conference Basketball player at Kansas State. Korena is currently employed by the Maryville R2 School District and enjoys attending her children's sporting events, traveling, teaching fitness classes, and hiking.

We are excited to welcome Korena (Stevens) Sundell and induct her into the 2022 Athletic Hall of Fame.