Kari (Wersal) Jung

Kari graduated from Sanborn High School in 1984, where she established herself as one of the school's outstanding multi-sport athletes. She joined the varsity basketball team as a 7th grader and became a starter and all-conference selection for five seasons. Kari finished her basketball career at Sanborn with 1,348 points and 531 steals while playing in 106 games. In addition, she earned recognition as co-winner of the KNUJ Player of the Year along with all-state honorable mention honors following her senior season. In volleyball, Kari started at setter as an 8th grader and earned all-conference honors for four seasons and was on the KNUJ first team as a senior. She also competed in varsity track for five years, further showcasing her athletic versatility and dedication.

Following high school, Kari continued her basketball career at the University of Minnesota Morris, where she was named to the all-district team in 1988. Her leadership abilities were evident as she served as team captain for two seasons. In addition to basketball, she also competed in tennis during her college years.

Kari is currently in her 29th season as a volleyball coach at Warner High School in South Dakota. She ranks as the second-winningest volleyball coach in South Dakota history with an impressive 802-145 record. Under her leadership, Warner has qualified for 17 state tournaments, capturing 8 state championships, 8 runner-up finishes, and 1 third-place finish. Her teams have also produced remarkable winning streaks of 55, 58, and 59 matches during her coaching career. In addition to volleyball, Kari served as an assistant basketball coach for 15 years and also volunteered several seasons as a track coach.

Kari and her husband, Stan, have two daughters, Briana and Alyssa. They are also proud grandparents to one granddaughter and three grandsons, with another grandchild soon to join the family.