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**Lyle Knudson,
75**

Oct. 23, 1941 - April 13, 2017

FRISCO, CO – Lyle Knudson was born in Manning on October 23, 1941. He graduated from the Irwin/Kirkman School in 1959. He was the first in his family to attend college. He ran cross country at the University of Northern Iowa, and began coaching high school track after his graduation. He later earned a master's degree at C.U. and a Ph.D. in mechanical kinesiology and sports medicine from Northern Colorado Univer-



sity. Lyle worked with and later married middle distance runner Wendy Koenig who competed in the 1972 and 1976 Olympic games. The couple had three children together before they later divorced.

Knudson coached track and field at C.U., Colorado State and Utah State before taking a job with Florida in 1982. Under Lyle's direction, 30 Gators earned All-American honors and the team finished in the top 10 at the NCAA Outdoor Finals three times in 1982, 1984, and 1986.

Lyle returned to Colorado to the University of Denver and then to Frisco. Frisco is where he remained and passed away suddenly on April 13, 2017 at the age of 75.

Lyle is survived by his his three children Jason, Kristin and Karin and six grandchildren, his brother Larry Knudson of Irwin and sister Linda Wigness of Harlan.

The family requests either donating time or money to a program that helps women in sports in Lyle's memory.