

# Korey Arneson 1951 – 2016

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Korey James Arneson was born on January 4, 1951 to Ruth and long-time ski jumper Ole Arneson Sr. He was the youngest of seven children. Being part of a ski jumping family, and having an Olympic team member as a father and coach, Korey was bound for the podium.

For many years Korey's life was filled with ski jumping, practice, and competitions.

He married Julie Mathews and together they had two children, Sonja and Christian.

In 1977 Korey was involved in an accident which ended his ski jumping career, but this did not keep him from the sport he loved so much. He became an official judge and found another calling.

For more than thirty years Korey traveled around the nation becoming a vital part of the ski jumping community in the roles of judge, coach, mentor, and a friend. Korey was at every meet for his home Central Division, but traveled to be an official at many different places, including being a hill marker at the Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002.

His life came to a tragic end in a car accident in May 2016.

Korey was one of the first to receive a scholarship to Northern Michigan University to be a jumper for the college team. To get a scholarship for college I can imagine he had a great career jumping.

As far as his judging career goes he is known at every venue across this nation. My father loved this sport of ski jumping – he inspired so many people to join the ski jumping family in many ways.

2018 was the first year of an award for central skiers that we created in memory of my father. My father would tell all of the jumpers if you stick that telemark landing that could be the difference between you and the podium. The award is for most graceful skier.

Christian Arneson

I would rate him as one of our best Central judges, friend to all ski jumpers and an inspiration to me and all young jumpers. Korey loved to work with all the Central jumpers to be the best they could be and especially always talked about having a good telemark.

Dan Mattoon