



Albert Lea High School  
Athletic Hall of Fame  
2021 Inductee



**Marilyn Claassen**  
Class of 1976  
Cross Country,  
Track & Field, Golf

### Marilyn Claassen

Athletes are typically known for their dedication, but how about foregoing a school trip to England as it would involve missing too many practices and interrupting training? Meet Marilyn Claassen, a four-sport athlete for Albert Lea, with track and field being her strongest sport. During her four-year track and field career, she competed in both speed and strength events. Marilyn won championships in the Big Nine, Districts, and Regions. She competed in the State tournament and was named an All-American in 1976, as well as the Prep Track and Field Athlete of the year. She also had the distinction of playing on the first ever girls golf team for ALHS.

Marilyn lives in Albert Lea, and has worked at The Thorne Crest Senior Living Community for 45 years. She also works at Bonnerup Funeral Service. Marilyn teaches CPR and first aid for the American Heart Association and volunteers at the St. Theodore's Cemetery. Congratulations to Marilyn Claassen.