The Lori Coble Family Athletic Scholarship was recently established at the South Dakota School of Mines. This scholarship is to be awarded to a member of the women’s varsity basketball team at the School of Mines.

Lori Coble served as the Women’s Basketball Assistant Coach for 28 seasons before stepping down in May of 2011 to take on a full-time biology instructor position in the SD School of Mines Chemical and Biological Engineering Department. Lori graduated from Dakota State College in 1980 where she participated in varsity volleyball, basketball, and softball. The South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference was established while she was in college and Dakota State and School of Mines were fierce competitors on the basketball court. Lori played her last varsity basketball game for Dakota State in the School of Mines gym in the State Championship game with a trip to the AIAW Regional Tournament on the line. School of Mines won by 2 points and little did Lori know she would be spending a lot of time in that gym in years to follow.

During Lori’s coaching days, Lori’s entire family continued to closely support her endeavors as they had throughout her athletic career as a multi-sport athlete. Her parents, Jim and Lenore, were quickly transformed to loyal Lady Hardrocker fans, making many trips to games and especially enjoyed getting to know the girls and their families. Many fond memories will live on of the numerous trips to the NAIA Nationals to support the team. Lori’s sister, Dianne Juhnke, although she lives miles away in Oklahoma, also quickly became part of the loyal fan club and has made many road trips to watch the Lady Hardrockers play and continues to avidly follow Hardrocker basketball. Lori’s brother, David, is not only a true Hardrocker fan but also an alumnus. David graduated in 1985 with a degree in Chemical Engineering and has enjoyed a very successful engineering career in San Diego, CA. It is very fitting that the scholarship be established in honor of the entire family and the hours that have been spent involved in some way with Lady Hardrocker Basketball.

“School of Mines has been a huge part of my life and I have been blessed to share so many experiences with the fantastic young women that have gone through our program. I truly believe the academic experience is enhanced by all who have the opportunity to not only participate but also for those who are part of athletics in any form. I am happy to assist deserving students with financial assistance so that they may have that opportunity here at School of Mines to combine excellent academics with the chance to compete in the great game of basketball,” Lori stated.