

ANNE VIVIANI

An Arlingtonian for over 45 years until her tragic death in a car accident last year, Anne Viviani was pre-Title IX and never competed in school, becoming a competitive athlete only in mid-life when her four children were almost grown. “I was just lucky” was her usual response to winning local races, national championships, and even world championships. She participated in 40 World Championship races in the triathlon, duathlon, and aquathlon, racing with her husband Donn in 20 of them. She was World Champion three times in the long distance triathlon (2004, 2005, 2017) and medaled at six other World Championships. She competed in three Kona Ironmans. At 52 years old, she was part of a four-woman team that won the Race Across America bike race, riding 3000 miles in seven and a half days. At 63, she won her age group in the Beach to Battleship Ironman (140.3 miles), coming in under 14 hours. She won 12 National Championships in duathlon and triathlon, all the while smiling, encouraging others, cheering on her competitors, and, humbly never mentioning her victories. Along the way, she served Arlington as a longtime administrator at Bishop O’Connell and as a volunteer at Taylor Elementary, Key Middle School, H-B Woodlawn, the Thomas Jefferson Center and the Arlington Food Bank

This year, USA Triathlon named its Grand Master Award for Duathlete of the Year the “Anne Viviani Award.” Anne’s legacy can be found in the hundreds of athletes she mentored, inspired, taught in her clinics, and in the hearts of her family and friends.