

Julie Gilbertson

Julie Gilbertson grew up in Fargo, the daughter of Roger and Joey Gilbertson. Julie told me that when she got involved with things, she went full go at it and that she did. Julie was active at a young age, being a member of the famous F-M Acro Team. In Junior High, Julie was introduced to tennis by her mother, who played at the Southgate Racket Club in Fargo. She soon became hooked and started to take lessons and spent uncountable hours honing her skills. Julie soon began playing area tournaments with her younger brothers, Roger and Paul. They also became very accomplished players. Roger won two North Dakota State Singles titles before playing number 1 singles at Gustavus Adolphus and Paul was a North Dakota State Doubles Champion. Her mom was always there, driving this North Dakota tennis family to tournaments, be it local, regional, or national. Julie was consistently ranked in the top two in her age group in the NWTA, earning her the opportunity to represent the NWTA at multiple National tournaments. With Julie so involved in NWTA events on the local, regional, and national level, she didn't begin playing high school tennis until her junior year because the NDHSAA rules at that time didn't allow athletes to participate, in season, at sanctioned NWTA tournaments. By winning the ND Closed Championships in 14's, 16's, and 18's, Julie was awarded the opportunity to play in the Seventeen Magazine National Tennis Tournament in Mission Viejo, California. This was one of many highlights in her tennis career. After joining the Fargo South team and getting to play with her high school friends, Julie went undefeated winning the North Dakota State Singles titles in 1983 and

1984. Julie was her class valedictorian and was inducted into the Fargo South Hall of Fame in 2001.

From high school, Julie enrolled at Concordia College where she amassed a career record of 76-2. During that time she was a four-time MIAC champion at Number 1 singles, and a four-time National Division III singles qualifier, attaining All American status in 1984 for reaching the National Singles semi-finals. Julie, along with her father, Dr. Roger Gilbertson (football), was inducted into the Concordia College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

Julie ranked in the top of her class at Concordia College followed by graduating number 1 in her class from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine in 1991. She then was accepted into the Diagnostic Radiology residency program, from 1991-1995, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. In 1995, she received the McMillan Fellow Award, for the top graduating resident in Diagnostic Radiology residency program. In 1996, Julie completed her Fellowship in Neuroradiology at the Mayo Clinic. From 1999 until present, Julie is a consultant staff member in the Diagnostic Radiology Department at Mayo Clinic; specializing in Neuroradiology. John Christen, who nominated her, said that "Julie was the epitome of a scholar/athlete as her academic/professional achievements equal her tennis accomplishments. On being inducted into the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame, Julie she said " she is very grateful to the committee and honored to be inducted as a member of this accomplished group."

Dr. Julie Gilbertson resides in Wayzata, Minnesota with her husband, Tim Gabrielsen, and their two daughters, Greta and Ashley.