**Riana van Niekerk,**

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Riana was to most an inspiring athlete. She was, amongst others, four times a Comrades Gold medallist, six times winner of the *Om die Dam* Marathon and three times winner of the Two Oceans. Riana was a committed, hardworking ultra-distance athlete who ran every race to win. Her determination and drive was evident in her performances. Yet, she remained humble, and a person with immense integrity.

