

Kenosha Unified Athletics – Hall of Fame Inductee – Class of 1986

Robert V. Baker – 1949

Judge Robert Baker's swimming career carried him from its start at Kenosha High School to Madison, and to the Far East as a member of the United States Air Force. Now a Circuit Judge in Kenosha County, he still swims several times a week at the KYF and enjoys his boat in the summer.

As a sophomore at Kenosha High, Judge Baker was a member of the 200 yard freestyle team that won the state meet.

In his senior year, he competed in the 200 yard freestyle state met taking 1st place and breaking the existing record for that event... Captain of the high school team which was undefeated.

Moving on to the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Judge Baker continued his swimming. As a sophomore and junior, he earned his major W, competed on the varsity team. Elected team captain in his senior year, Judge Baker carried them to 2nd place in the Big Ten medley relay and 5th in NCAA at Columbus, Ohio. Selected on the All American Collegiate Swim Team in 1952 and 1953.

After graduation, Judge Baker went into the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Okinawa. He swam at the Far East Air Force Meet in Tokyo, Japan and was officer in charge of the Far East Air Force Team for the World Meet at Sampson Air Force Base in Geneva, N.Y.

Clearly, Judge Baker represents an outstanding example of Kenosha's athletic excellence, serving as an example to our youth as Judge Baker is, in part, Juvenile Judge for Kenosha County.