

## BCA Hall Of Fame



### Charles John "Jack" Kaiser



#### Oak Park River Forest High School (IL)

Charles John “Jack” Kaiser, of St. Charles, was a teacher and coach at Oak Park River Forest High School for 48 years. He never had a sick day in his entire career. He coached generations of players and is considered a legend in high school baseball.

Kaiser holds the record for the most wins by a baseball coach in Illinois with his 892 wins. He guided Oak Park River Forest High School to the state championship in 1981 and won more state-tournament games than any other baseball coach in Illinois.

Coach Kaiser has received numerous awards:

Coach of the Century - IHSBCA and Rawlings (2000)

Named to Numerous Hall of Fames

Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association

American Baseball Coaches Association

Illinois High School Football Coaches Association

National Federation of High School Coaches

Oak Park Coaches Hall of Fame

River Forest Coaches Hall of Fame

Coach of the Year by the IHSBCA in 1985

Coach of the Year by the ABCA in 1985 and 1989

Coach of the Year by the Pitch and Hit Club of Chicago

Coach of the Year 3 times by the Summer League Coaches

Illinois Teacher of the Year in 2000

He was a great mentor, telling students “always leave a place better than you found it.” He built a reputation for doing things “the right way” both on and off the field and used hard work, discipline, enthusiasm and humor to teach.

**In the last weeks of his life, players asked Assistant Coach Dick Trout what they could do for Coach Kaiser. “Each one wrote him a letter telling them how much he influenced their lives and that meant a lot to him,” Trout said. “They can honor the man with the proper attitude not only on the field but in the locker room, classroom and at home.”**

**Coach Kaiser died on March 28, 2000 after a 12-year battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma.**