

**Robert E. “Doc” Fairchild
Inducted June 27, 2008**

Athlete - Class of 1949

Doc Fairchild participated in 2 years of varsity basketball, 3 years of varsity track and field and 3 years of varsity volleyball.

In his two seasons of varsity basketball, Robert scored 450 points. 316 of those points came in his senior season and established a school record. It must be noted that his point total was established long before the “3 point” shot was introduced. Robert “Doc” Fairchild and teammate David Essom formed the “Twin Towers” that anchored the Section IV Basketball Championship in 1949 and the Section IV Volleyball Championships of 1947, 48, and 1949. Their 1948 Basketball Team earned the Cortland County League Championship Title and the Section IV Runner-up honors. In 1949 they were undefeated in the Cortland County League play on their way to the Sectional Title. Doc was also a middle distance runner on the track team.

Robert was the Valedictorian of his class and a fine “all around” citizen of Marathon Central School. He attended RPI for three years, enlisted in the US Air Force in 1952 and served in Korea. He received an honorable discharge in 1956 and re-entered RPI to earn a bachelor’s degree in Metallurgical Engineering.