

## **Robert Michaelson**

I grew up in Kingsley, Iowa. Graduated From Kingsley-Pierson in 1978. Went to Buena Vista College in Storm Lake and graduated with an education degree in 1982. Played baseball in college for Jay Beekman and football for Jim Hershberger.

Started playing fastpitch in 1982. Played for Penn Corp in Sioux City, Iowa from that time into the early 90's. We went through a sponsor name change as Penn Corp became NHCD or National Health Care Discount.

I played all outfield positions and eventually landed in left field for the majority of my career. I also played with the Townhouse Huskies out of Sioux City as well as the Gateway 2000 SOOS. I played about 15 years of major softball.

I was part of 4 ISC World championship teams, 2 ASA champs, 2 ASA runner ups, and 1 ISC runner up. I also had the honor of playing for the United States in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. That 1988 team was ISF World Champs.

Individual stats are difficult to find. Never were extremely important to any of us. It was about team and what you could do that day to help.

I got to play with the world's absolute best. I got to play in New Zealand, Canada, and 30 plus of these United States. Any honor like this is always more about the people who surrounded you. I could not have asked for a better group of teammates and coaches. I would like to especially thank Gale Kurtz who was the person who first gave me the chance to play and was my manager for the lion's share of my career.

I currently teach in Sioux City and coach the girls at Lawton-Bronson High School. My daughter Taylor is 21 and also lives and works in Sioux City.

Thank you again for this recognition with the understanding that I know it is much less about me and so much more about the people who graced that part of my life.