



Roger Jones

Our family moved to UA when I was in the 1st grade. I went to Barrington Road, and Jones. I have three older brothers who were all swimmers so I was “urged” to take up swimming. I was not real fond of water so I was the oldest kid (age 8) in the baby pool at Tremont taking swim lessons. I almost literally went from the baby pool to the summer swim team that first summer. I swam on the YMCA swim teams in downtown Columbus and on the UA summer swim teams until sophomore year. I had some great coaches, great team mates, and some very caring parents that inspired me in my swimming career. I was fortunate to get a partial swimming grant-in-aid from Miami University and swam all four years.

I went through Miami’s Naval ROTC program and upon graduation was commissioned as an Ensign and spent three years on active duty and 24 years in the Naval Reserves and retired from the Navy as a Captain (O-6).

I spent 38 years in the property and casualty insurance industry - auto, home, and business insurances - with various companies around the country. Those companies moved me from California, to New Jersey, to Atlanta, and Indianapolis (25 years) and worked in many positions - underwriting, sales and marketing.

I moved back to Columbus 5 years ago and never knew how much I missed it till I moved back - we live in Clintonville - within 2 miles of where I grew up in UA. I have five children - five grandchildren and two fantastic step-daughters. I am fully retired and still love to swim - I try and get in competitive shape for one swim meet a year - any more than one - it becomes too laborious. I do some bike riding, travel, volunteer work and meet up with my UA swimming buddies at least every other month for lunch. Life is good.