

## Frederick W. Schroeter, athlete and salesman



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**F**rederick W. Schroeter, a retired wholesale liquor salesman and a lifelong baseball fan, died Saturday at his Lutherville home of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was 91.

The son of Frederick M. Schroeter, a United Railways streetcar conductor, and Florence Schroeter, a homemaker, Frederick William Schroeter was born in Baltimore and raised on Chapel Street.

Mr. Schroeter was a shortstop at City College, where he also played third base on the 1941 championship baseball team. After graduating in 1942, he attended Washington College on a baseball scholarship and served as captain of the baseball team.

In 1946, Mr. Schroeter played semipro ball with the Martin Bombers, and after earning his bachelor's degree in 1947, signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

He played minor league baseball with Nashua, N.H., in the New England League, and for Newport News, Va., which

was in the Piedmont League.

Mr. Schroeter continued playing baseball for Hickory, N.C., and was a member of the Susquehanna League's All-Star team. He was also a member of the Delmarva League All-Star team.

For 25 years, he coached the Hearst All-Star teams with Herb Armstrong, who was the Orioles business manager.

From 1948 to 1953, when he joined McCarthy-Hicks Inc., a Baltimore liquor distributorship, Mr. Schroeter was a carpet salesman for J.J. Haines Inc.

After retiring from McCarthy-Hicks in 1984, he worked part time at Pine Ridge Golf Course as a marshal and for 12 years as a golf instructor in the Junior Golf Program.

In 1985, Mr. Schroeter was elected to the Old Timers Baseball Association Hall of Fame, and that same year was elected to the Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Schroeter had been a member for 32 years of the Country Club of Maryland.

His wife of 14 years, the former Jane Towner, died in 1962. Two years later, he married the former Helen Reyman.

A memorial Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. Jan. 2 at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 101 Church Lane, Cockeysville.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Schroeter is survived by his son, Bill Schroeter of Riderwood; and two grandchildren. His daughter, Caron Schroeter, died in 1996.

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