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Kenneth W. Fremming, a retired beverage sales manager who pitched for Detroit Tigers farm teams in the 1940s and 1950s, died unexpectedly Sunday in his Kenmore home. He was 86.

Born in Buffalo, he was a 1947 graduate of Fosdick Masten High School, where he played varsity baseball. In 1946, he played in Esquire magazine's All-American Boys Baseball Game in Wrigley Field in Chicago. A tall, hard-throwing right-hander, he was voted the best high school pitcher east of the Mississippi.

He signed with the Tigers in 1947 and played for their farm teams in Jamestown; Flint, Mich., and Toledo, Ohio. He was called up to the parent club, but left the team from spring training during the Korean War in 1951 when he was inducted into the Army.

After transferring to the Army Reserves in 1953, where he attained the rank of corporal, he returned to play for the Tigers, who sent him to pitch for their farm team in Little Rock, Ark., and briefly for the Buffalo Bisons. After he developed bursitis, he retired in 1954. He was inducted into the Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006 and continued to play in old-timers exhibition games for many years.

Mr. Fremming was a sales representative for Hoefler's Dairy from 1956 to 1963, then worked in sales for Paxon Distributors. From 1964 until he retired in 2001, he worked in sales for beer wholesaler Try-It Distributing and became the general sales manager.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society and the Seniors Group at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Kenmore.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, the former Margaret Pfohman; three daughters, Marie, Carolyn Forman and Molly Koessler; two sons, John and Thomas; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 a.m. Friday in St. Paul's Church, Delaware Avenue and Victoria Boulevard, Kenmore.

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