

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2000

LeRoy Arthur Schroeder
of Eagle

Services will be Thursday for LeRoy Arthur Schroeder, 80, formerly of Okauchee, who died Saturday at his Eagle home.

He was the former president of Bornheimer Cigar Stores in the Milwaukee area and volunteered at the Oconomowoc Food Pantry.

He served in the Army and received the Purple Heart.

He was a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Nashotah, the Okauchee American Legion Post 399, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2260 in Oconomowoc and the Mapleton Hook and Shell Club.

Survivors include his wife, Nina; three sons, Stuart (Pamela) of Pewaukee, Spencer (Valerie) of Madison and Scott (Jennifer) of Eagle; two daughters, Sharon (Richard) Gall of Hartford and Sibyl (Jeff) Frakes of Roswell, Ga.; a sister, Joyce (Jerry) Groth of Muskego; and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Pagenkopf Funeral Home, 1165 E. Summit Ave., Oconomowoc.

The services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, 120 Nashotah Road. Father James Loehr will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Joan of Arc Cemetery, Highways K and P, Town of Oconomowoc.

Memorials to the church or Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer were suggested.

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Schroeder spent most of his days running cigar stores

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LeRoy Arthur Schroeder limped out of World War II into the family-run Bornheimer Cigar store business and pretty much stayed there for nearly 40 years before retiring in the mid-1980s.

"He never took vacations," said his wife, Nina. "We went on one cruise in our whole 58 years (of marriage). He was a hard worker. He didn't think anybody else could do his job."

He may have been right. The stores — once there were five in Milwaukee — closed shortly after he retired.

Schroeder eased up on activities in recent years but still found time to help unload food at the Oconomowoc Food Pantry until shortly before his death Saturday at the age of 80.

"He was always ready to help people," Nina said.

He also worked at American Legion Post 399 in Okauchee.

Nina and Roy — the name he used — had lived in Okauchee. When Roy was diagnosed with brain cancer seven weeks ago,

they were living in Eagle with their son Scott.

Schroeder served with the 5th Armored Division during World War II, receiving the Purple Heart for wounds to both legs. Upon discharge, he joined the cigar store business founded by his father and a cousin. Roy and a brother, John, ran the businesses, with Roy serving as president.

The last store was at 720 N. Water St. At one time, the firm also had stores on the south and west sides of Milwaukee.

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