



Walter "Wally" Schroeder, Jr.

July 20, 1930 - March 21, 2021

Walter J. 'Wally' Schroeder, Jr., 90, of North Aurora passed away peacefully on March 21, 2021 at Symphony of Orchard Valley. Wally was born on July 20, 1930 in Jackson, Missouri, the son of Walter and Alma Schroeder. In 1948, at 18 years old he enlisted in the US Army. He was originally assigned to the Infantry and stationed in Japan for occupation duty. On June 25, 1950 everything in Wally's life changed as the North Korean Communist forces attacked South Korea. On July 10, PFC Schroeder and his comrades landed in Korea, the second unit of American forces to arrive. He remained in Korea until 1951 and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Silver Star Medal, and the Bronze Star for Valor as a distinguished combat soldier during that conflict. He also received the National Defense Service Medal as well as being a five-time Good Conduct Medal award winner during his Army career. In 1959, he was assigned to Marmion Military Academy as a Junior ROTC instructor. In 1964, he was promoted to SGM and continued with Marmion where he retired from his active-duty Army career after

the 1994-95 school year. Altogether, Wally served the Marmion community and its students for 53 years.

The Marmion Alumni Association honored him as an "Honorary Alumnus".

The Marmion Academy air

rifle range as well as the "Schroeder Snipers" Rifle Team were named in his honor. Wally was dedicated

to his family, to God, to his country and to Marmion. He was universally loved and respected by all who knew him.

Wally is survived by his daughter, Linda L. Miller; son, Walter E. 'Ed'

Schroeder; grandchildren, Carrie

Neuman, Larry Miller, and James Miller; four great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Shirley Bisher. He was

preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Louise, in July 2020.

Memorials in SGM Walter Schroeder, Jr.'s name may be directed to the Marmion Alumni Association or

Marmion Abbey, 1000 Butterfield Road, Aurora, IL, 60502.

Visitation will be Friday, March 26, 2021 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY,

220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500 with a Funeral Service to follow with Marmion's Fr. Paul

Weberg, OSB officiating.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic protocols, non-family visitors are asked to pay their respects to the family for

only a few minutes and exit the funeral home in a timely fashion. Social distancing and face masks are

required for those in attendance. There is a limit of 50 people who can attend the service.

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter "Wally" Schroeder, Jr.



Daleiden Mortuary - March 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am very sorry to hear about Sergeant Schroeder's passing. Sergeant Schroeder was a great influence on me in my years at Marmion. Always remembered me years after I graduated. He was a great instructor and gentleman. Rest in Peace Sarge.

james f brennan - April 25, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of the passing of SGM Walter Schroeder. He was one of my favorite Instructors in Marmion Military Academy's ROTC Program. SGM Schroeder was a true professional soldier in every sense of the term. He served his Country with Honor, Dignity, Pride, and Dedication. He was very humble regarding his many awards earned on the battlefields of Korea. He taught his cadets to be honest, to be loyal and trustworthy young men. He knew each cadet by name and remembered them years after graduations. SGM Schroeder possessed a keen sense of humor, enjoyed a "good story," had high expectations for each cadet, and taught lessons for a successful life. I learned many lessons from his example and long dedication to Marmion. I am truly glad that I had the opportunity to thank him for all he had done for me and my sons a few years ago. SGM Walter Schroeder was a real American Hero! He will be long remembered and missed by those fortunate to have known him! Edward O'Brien, Cadet, Class of 1965

March 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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“ Wally, Carrie and I send our condolences to the Schroeder Family. Our paths crossed in 1969 from the Lake Street campus and again in July in 1996 when you took on the daunting task of of my mentor at Marmion. Wally you were very influential in my life as well as the young men from Marmion. Rest In Peace "Wally", you made a difference to Everyone you touched. Forever my friend, SGM John N. Gissel, '69'

March 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ SGM Schroeder, I'm grateful to you for your example of a life in service, and for your benevolent presence in the Supply Office. I extend my sincerest condolences to your family and loved ones. Rest in peace. Merrit DeBartolo, MD Class of '01

March 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ One of the finest men I was privileged to know. A firm but gentle and wise guiding force to hundreds of Marmion graduates. A droll and quick wit that kept young boys in line. And he remembered all of us years after we left. Condolences to Linda and especially Ed, who I hope remembers summer baseball games by old Benet Hall. Kent Schielke MMA 1971 (last at Lake Street)

March 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ I send my condolences to SGM Schroeder's family. I remember you well SGM, not only from Marmion(70), but my parish in Aurora (Sacred Heart). I remember visiting many times with you and SGM Steward in the Mil. Offices after school. You were a very influential person in my young life and I thank you for that. Rest In Peace "Wally" you made a difference many times and in many places. The Lord will welcome you with open arms. Your old friend Bruce Schmidt

March 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Will miss the SGM greatly. Too many memories to share except for senior year. After receiving a dressing down from him, we turned it around and won Best Company and Best Platoon to make him proud of us.

March 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi! Linda, sorry to hear about your Dad, my Uncle.! Wish I could be there Friday. You and your family are in our prayers.

March 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Wally, you were a kind, wise and practical voice at a time when many of us cadets, myself included, needed one. Thank you for always being there for us. Respectfully, Craig Rice '69

March 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ The Sergeant Major is without a doubt one of the greatest men in my life. I graduated MMA in 89 (R) and have always tried to remember the lessons he taught me, as well as generations of other Cadets. A Warrior & a Gentle Soul, SGM Schroeder was an adoptive Grandfather to many a teen boy, always knowing when a Cadet needed a kind word, or stern guidance. A couple of years ago a Brother Cadet and myself visited the SGM at Christmas. I gave him a Bears football helmet signed by both Dick Butkus and Gayle Sayre (Legends, just like the SGM) along with a personalized Bears jersey with Schroeder on the back atop the number 25, for the 25th Inf. Division. SGM got choked up and began telling stories from my youth. At the end of the visit He told me and my Brother Cadet that he loved us. We answered back that We loved him too. I try to live by the example that the SGM provided for me and my Marmion Brothers. In the end I can only hope that people will think of me with even a fraction of the respect and admiration that nearly 6 decades of Cadets have for Sergeant Major Walter Schroeder, USA-Inf, (RET)

March 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss you very much Linda your daughter I know you are happy with Jesus and mom you were a awesome story teller about everything I could listen to you for hours. You loved to tell jokes made me laugh a lot . You were very loving but discipline when needed .i was amazed at everything you knew . You always gave me good advice but when I was a teenager a little in my 20's I was a rebel. You guided me which I know you did for others. I thank you with my whole heart dad for everything.love and kisses and hugs. Tell mom and all my loves hi and also Jesus. See you when it is my time 🦋❤️😊

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“ I love you dad. I know you are happy now with mom and Jesus. I will miss you very much.

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“ Sergeant Major: You will be missed, But Never Forgotten. God Bless You and All that You leave behind.

Sacred Duty Spray - March 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending prayers and comfort during this difficult time. With love, Carrie, Jason, Dylan and Steven

America the Beautiful - March 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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Blue Caribbean - March 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM