



## Frederick Joseph Schirm Jr

October 25, 2020

Frederick Joseph Schirm Jr., of Monroeville, passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 25, 2020. He was born November 4, 1939 in Hoboken, NJ to the late Frederick and Annelise Schirm. Fred and his family moved to Monroeville when he was in his teens. He was a graduate of Turtle Creek High School, and then Carnegie Tech with a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. After graduation, Fred served as a first lieutenant in the Army Corp of Engineers. After two years of active duty, Fred was hired by Factory Mutual Engineering, now known as FM Global, where he finished his career. During his professional career, Fred obtained his license as a professional engineer. In his spare time, he doubled as a soccer coach for both of his sons' soccer teams plus he was a soccer umpire for the Monroeville Soccer Club. Fred was also past President of the Board of Trustees at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church. After retirement, Fred became an active volunteer, supporting Cross Roads Presbyterian Church and their local food pantry. He also served as an adult leader for numerous mission trips with the youth ministry at the church. Fred also volunteered for 15 years as an AARP Foundation tax-aide, plus instructor via the Monroeville Community Senior Center. Fred was an avid golfer, and loved to travel having visited 36 different countries and all 50 states. His greatest joy was attending his granddaughters' activities and being with family and friends. Survivors include his loving wife Diane (Starrett) of 54 years, his two sons Gregory A, of Trafford, and Jeffrey J. (Monica) of Monroeville. Also surviving are his two granddaughters Mia

Annelise and Julia Marie. There will be no visitation. A celebration of life ceremony will be scheduled at a future time. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to: Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, 1 N. Linden Street, Duquesne, PA 15110 or Cross Roads Food Pantry, 2310 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA 15146.

<https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/ways-to-give/>

<http://crossroadspresbyterian.com/give-to-cross-roads.html>

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Thankful to have known Fred. His friendship and your friendship to Marion and Owen, as well as my sister, Kristen, has been and is an eternal blessing. Grace, caring, humor and helpfulness showed his love for you and everyone who knew him. He is now truly with his Father.

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**Matt Johnson** - November 06, 2020 at 02:48 AM

DS

Matthew,  
Thank you for your kind words, both of our families have loss good and Godly men this year. Blessings to you and your beautiful family.  
Diane

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**Diane Schirm** - November 07, 2020 at 08:29 AM

EL

“ To the Schrim Family,

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Fred. My thoughts are with you, Jeff and Greg and your family. Fred was great guy and role model.

Heartfelt condolences,  
Eric Lange

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**Eric Lange** - November 03, 2020 at 07:10 PM

DS

Thanks, Eric  
Diane

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**Diane Schirm** - November 04, 2020 at 09:35 PM

VM

“ *The Schirm Family,  
I was very sorry to hear of Fred's passing. May many fond  
memories that he created help each of you get through this very  
difficult time. Please know that Fred, as well as your family, will be in  
my thoughts and prayers.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,  
Vic Maccarelli*

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**Vic Maccarelli** - November 02, 2020 at 07:54 AM

DS

*Vic,  
Thank you, I/We appreciate your post.  
Diane*

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**Diane Schirm** - November 02, 2020 at 06:34 PM

TL

“ *Diane,*

*So sorry to hear about Fred's passing. May your life time of  
memories sustain you during this difficult time.*

*Tony and Sue Lizauckas*

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**Tony Lizauckas** - November 01, 2020 at 02:07 PM

DS

*Tony and Sue,  
Thank you.*

*Diane*

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**Diane Schirm** - November 02, 2020 at 05:49 AM

AO

“ Diane,

*Our sincere sympathy. Although, for everything there is a season ... , Fred's season came too soon. Our prayers are with you and the family.*

*I worked with Fred in Pittsburgh from 1976 until his retirement. He taught me much about FMEA. May Fred have eternal peace.*

*Denise and Al Onda*

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**al onda** - October 30, 2020 at 04:04 PM

DS

*Denise and Al,*

*Thank you.*

*Diane*

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**Diane Schirm** - October 31, 2020 at 06:47 AM

JY

“ Diane, Greg and Jeff,

*We were so sorry to hear about Fred's passing. He was a most kind and welcoming neighbor to us and our entire family will miss seeing him on the street! Fred was a valued member of our community giving back through countless hours of volunteering, and always taking pride in his home with the most beautiful landscaping on the street! We could all learn a lot from Fred. The Yoha Family*

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**Jen Yoha** - October 29, 2020 at 08:38 AM

DS

*Jen, Mike, Jaxon and Madelyn*

*Thank you, "Mr. Fred" will miss seeing Jaxon and Madelyn growing up and playing on the street.*

*Thank you for the wonderful pastries.*

*"Miss Diane"*

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**Diane Schirm** - October 31, 2020 at 06:54 AM

AD

“ *To the family of Fred . My heartfelt condolences to you all. I met Fred through our golf league at Meadowlink, and it was always a pleasure to play and interact with him. He was always a pleasant and delightful person. I will miss him. My best regards to you.*

*Tony DeFazio*

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**Anthony DeFazio** - October 28, 2020 at 11:42 AM

DS

*Thank you, Tony*

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**Diane Schirm** - October 28, 2020 at 09:32 PM

RC

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Fred’s sudden passing. While it has probably been more than twenty years since we were together, I have often thought about him, wondering how he was doing. He was one of those people that had a strong, positive impact on my life. At FM he was my mentor, colleague and most of all..... friend. Fred’s picture in this obituary is exactly as I remember him. He had an infectious smile, engaging personality, a kind heart and rare leadership capabilities.

He lead FM into the computer age. I remember when he placed a computer monitor and keyboard in my office. I told him that I didn’t want it. He told me to just play with it for while and he would return later to show me what computers can do. Fred changed my life that day along with probably a lot of other people.

I am glad but not surprised to see that Fred had an active and productive life after retirement.

If I could say something to Fred as a fellow golfer, I would say:.....a life well played Fred. You are truly one of the good guys. Fred will be missed but not forgotten and his family will be in our prayers.

*Terry and Sue Cooper*

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**Robert Terry Cooper** - October 28, 2020 at 11:32 AM

DS

*Thanks, Terry and Sue*

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**Diane Schirm** - October 28, 2020 at 09:31 PM

DD

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. I am sad to hear of Fred's passing. He and I enjoyed working together and playing golf before he retired from FM Global. I have many fond memories of playing golf with him at the Good Friday opens and others. Please accept my condolences. Best regards, Dave Drnevich

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**Dave Drnevich** - October 28, 2020 at 09:49 AM

DS

Thanks, Dave

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**Diane Schirm** - October 28, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ I golfed with Fred for the last few years. He was a great guy and always pleasant and easy to be around. He will truly be missed. My sympathies are with the family. Matt Stromberg

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**Matthew Stromberg** - October 27, 2020 at 08:46 AM

DS

Thank you, Fred enjoyed his golf days with all of the guys. Thank you for your kind words, it is much appreciated. Diane Schirm

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**Diane Schirm** - October 27, 2020 at 07:46 PM

CM

“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Schirm. A live well-lived and in service to others. Obviously an Angel on Earth. Cheryl McKee

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**Cheryl McKee** - October 27, 2020 at 08:42 AM

DS

Thank you

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**Diane Schirm** - October 28, 2020 at 09:33 PM

PC

“ Dear Schirm family,  
Fred will always be in my heart. I had an aunt who would pay tribute to someone by saying that he was a true gentle man rather than a gentleman. Fred was a gentle man. I remember lots of Thanksgiving dinners, cookouts at the house, and dinners at Carbone's. Fred lives on in these memories. Fred will be missed by many, many people. We were lucky to have had him in our lives. God bless him and his family.  
Paul Conrad

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**Paul Conrad** - October 27, 2020 at 04:46 AM

DS

*Thanks Paul*

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**Diane Schirm** - October 28, 2020 at 09:30 PM