A respected, hard-working, and trusted lumberman, Darrell H. Schroeder rose from an entry level job in the woods to become the head of the Stimson Lumber Company, one of the largest forest-product companies in the United States. Darrell succeeded in this tough industry not because he was a forceful manager or competitive businessperson, but because he remained friendly, down-to-earth, and loyal throughout his career.

Darrell was born on May 17, 1925, in Albany, Oregon, the second son of Herbert A. Schroeder and Mabel Elizabeth Buescher Schroeder. Darrell’s only sibling, Ed, was two years older. He too carved out a successful career as a lumberman and eventually served as the Oregon State Forester in the 1960s and 1970s.

Darrell’s grandfather John Schroeder—a German immigrant who had been captured by the Allies in November 1942. From there, he became a global traveler. He crossed the U.S. by train and then shipped to Casablanca. The Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entered World War II.

He was happy to have Darrell remain the company’s leader, as Mr. Miller had considered himself a good steward of the land who wanted timber resources available for current and future generations.

Darrell and his family were also loyal supporters of Oregon State’s basketball team. Darrell became close friends with coach Ralph Miller and traveled to over twenty NCAA games.

Darrell H. Schroeder

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