

## John Christian Schroeder

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**Schroeder.** On Sunday, November 27, 1927, at 4 a.m., at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Charles S. Zurhorst, 301 East Capitol st., John C. beloved husband of Ovelton Shelton Schroeder. Services will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, G street between 6th and 7th sts. s.e. on Wednesday, November 30 at 11 a.m. Interment in Congressional Cemetery.

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### **Musical Leader Dies**

#### **John C. Schroeder Dies; Was Music Conductor**

#### **Was Leader of Orchestras at Prominent Hotels Here for Past 30 Years**

John C. Schroeder, 66 years old, musical conductor, whose orchestras for many years furnished the music for leading hotels, diplomatic and social functions in this city, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Charles S. Zurhorst, 301 East Capitol street, yesterday after a long illness. For nearly 30 years Mr. Schroeder's orchestra furnished the music at the Willard, Ebbitt and Raleigh Hotels. He retired from business about 10 years ago.

He was assistant secretary of the Washington Safe Deposit Co., until retiring about a year ago, after a service of 38 years. For 20 years he was vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church of Southeast Washington.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Christ Episcopal Church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. C.E. Buck, rector, will officiate, assisted by Rev. William Pettus, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Schroeder was the son of the late August W. and Altazera Henderson Schroeder. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ovelton Shelton Schroeder; a daughter Mrs. Charles S. Zurhorst; three brothers, Clarence W., Charles E. and Robert M. Schroeder; five sisters, Mrs. M.B. Domer, Mrs. David Bell, Mrs. Rita von Herrmann, Miss Emmie Schroeder, and two grandchildren, Charles S. Zurhorst, jr., and Mary Ovelton Zurhorst, all of this city.

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### **J.C. Schroeder Rites**

#### **Church Services Tomorrow for Widely Known Musician**

Funeral services for John C. Schroeder, 66 years old, widely known musician who died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Charles S Zurhorst, 301 East Capitol street, Sunday, will be conducted in Christ Episcopal Church of Southeast Washington tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. C.E. Buck, rector, will officiate, assisted by Rev. William Pettus, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

For 30 years Mr. Schroeder conducted orchestras here. He also was assistant secretary of the Washington Safe Deposit Co. many years. For 20 years he was vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church.

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### **Schroeder Name in D.C. Music History**

#### **Thousands of Citizens Here Knew First Local Head of House,**

#### **Whose History Is Told by the Rambler as a Matter of Public Interest**

The eldest son, John Christian Schroeder, was given broad musical schooling and adopted the piano. He played in the old Willard Hotel orchestra and conducted the Raleigh Hotel orchestra during the years T.J. Talty was manager of the hotel. Retired from professional music, and since 1888 -- 37 years -- has been assistant secretary of the Washington Safe Deposit Company. I often meet John at lunch and with George Havenner, Ed Hazleton Bradbury Heights, Ed Scanlon, Bill Cross, "Sid" Wallberg, Mike Levy and Welby Smallwood, we hold a consortium on affairs of government. The newspapers, commissioners, congress, and the President do not always conform to our decisions and we have thought of asking them to sit at our table and get the right dope on how the country should be run. We would like to hand them some knock-out reasons why the income tax in the higher brackets should be lowered. Every time one of us makes a hundred thousand or so we feel that the tax is heavy.