

Red Schoendienst, Cardinals Star and Oldest Hall of Famer, Dies at 95

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Red Schoendienst, the St. Louis Cardinals’ Hall of Fame second baseman, manager and coach who had a major league career of more than 70 years, died on Wednesday night at his home in Town & Country, Mo., outside St. Louis. He was 95 and the oldest living member of the Hall.

His death was confirmed by his daughter Eileen Schless.

The epitome of the baseball lifer, Schoendienst became a revered figure in St. Louis. He first donned a Cardinals uniform at a tryout camp in 1942 — a red-haired, freckle-faced teenager from the Midwest who was later likened in the press to a latter-day Huckleberry Finn. At his death, Schoendienst was listed as a senior special assistant to the Cardinals’ general manager.

The Cardinals announced Schoendienst’s death with a scoreboard tribute in the third inning of their game with the Miami Marlins at Busch Stadium on Wednesday night. It received a standing ovation from the players and a crowd of more than 40,000.

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