



Charles Wesley Anderson

June 26, 1932 - June 26, 2020

Anderson, Charles W. "Chuck" of Fridley, MN passed away at the age of 88 on June 26th, 2020. Chuck was born on June 26th, 1932 in Minneapolis, MN and grew up in Northeast Minneapolis with his parents, Carl and Catherine Anderson, brother Douglas, and sister Kathryn (Katie). Early in his life Chuck became interested in piano playing and music in general, a trait inherited from his father's side of the family. His passion for music led him to form a jazz band in high school which included a trumpet player, bass player, a drummer, and of course, himself on piano. Every Friday night the band played at a park pavilion four blocks from Edison High School. The weekly event was called Tommy Twirls and included crowds of young teens dancing the Lindy hop while enjoying the band. Chuck graduated from Edison High School in 1950 and later in life he attended many of the Edison High reunions at Jax Café in Northeast Minneapolis. In 1955 Chuck met the love of his life, Arlene Konz, shortly before he joined the Air Force. Devoted to one another, they wrote regularly while Chuck completed basic training in California, then electrician's technical school in Wyoming. At the end of his training, Chuck was stationed for duty in Nancy, France. Chuck and Arlene married on January 5th, 1957, only weeks before Chuck left. Arlene eventually joined him in Nancy where they lived for three years. While stationed abroad Chuck was invited to play piano for the Officer's Club dances on weekends which he happily accepted, attending with Arlene at his side. Arlene and Chuck spent many happy years living and travelling widely through Europe, a period of time they always

remembered fondly. When they returned to the United States in 1961, Chuck and Arlene found a beautiful home in Fridley where they spent the rest of their life together. In 1963 Chuck began a decades-long career at Sperry Univac as an operations manager. Chuck and Arlene's love of travel and adventure found an outlet yet again when they purchased a motor home which they drove around the country, their beloved dogs in tow. Family members fondly recall getting a call from Chuck saying, "look out your window" only to find Chuck and Arlene in the driveway waving at them from the motor home! Chuck had a wonderful sense of humor. He always had a story to tell which brought laughter to all present. Whenever the family gathered at Christmas or Thanksgiving, Chuck was at the piano playing for everyone and telling stories. In later life he was a daily patron of the Fridley White Castle where he often met up with friends to drink coffee and chat. Chuck also especially loved spending time with his dogs. In sets of two, Chuck had poodles, then shih-tzus, then finally Tami and Ginger, Pekingese mixes, all of whom brought joy to both him and Arlene. Chuck lived his life in a Christian way, always thinking about and helping others. Chuck is survived by his wife of 63 years, Arlene Anderson; his brother Douglas and Douglas's daughter Julie Shackelford and her family; the children of his sister Katie (deceased 1978), Mark Jacobsen and Kirsten Jacobsen and their families; cousins Donna Benson McBrian, Suzie Thompson, Sharyn Jacobsen, and Henry Schmidt; and his dogs Tami and Ginger. In his last years, Chuck and Arlene were also very blessed to have had the loving assistance of Martha S. Abara, who became like family to them. Private interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Northeast Chapel 612-781-6828