



## Charles Patrick Menshek

November 28, 1933 - November 28, 2020

Menshek, Charles Patrick He left us too early, we are grateful for 87 years. Born in Minneapolis, he is survived by his wife of 60 years Marilyn (Kitchar), his daughters Stephanie (Jon Hess) and Holly (Hunter Hamilton) and his grandchildren, Jack, Caroline and Blake Hess and Vaden and Isabella Hamilton. He was so proud of his grandchildren! Charlie made life fun. With an infectious smile, he always had time for a story, yours or his! As a husband, dad, grampa, colleague, friend, brother or neighbor, he always appreciated time for a good conversation. He graduated from Central High School in Minneapolis and served in the US Army in Iceland. He returned and attended the University of Minnesota. He founded Tiger AC, a successful intramural club. He was awarded the Ski-U-Mah award from the University. After graduation he started a career in sales. He was always finding new technology to sell, even started his own business. His career took him to Downers Grove, IL where he and his family lived for more than 30 years. He retired in Minnesota, never having lost touch with his Minnesota friends. He was a member of the American Legion, Post 1, where he was elected Commander, also a member of the DAV and 40-8 Club. He was always happy at an Omaha Poker table, sharing jabs and wit with fellow players and friends. If not playing poker, he was reading. He knew most librarians by their first name and frequented many libraries. He enjoyed going for a ride to wherever, cheering for the Bulls and the White Sox in Chicago and rooting for the Gophers, Twins, Vikings and Timberwolves back in Minnesota. Charlie was

born in 1933 to John and Gladys (Smith). His siblings Dorothy (Lee), John, Mary (Harris), Sandra (Lauseng) and Suzanne (Norman) and their families will always be in his heart. There will be a mass followed by interment at Fort Snelling for the family. He had terrific love for family and friends. Those who knew him will miss him. A life well lived Charlie Menshek!