



Charles "Chic" William Russell

September 25, 1926 - April 1, 2017

Age 90, of Edina passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on April 1, 2017.

Preceded in death by parents, Charles and Eileen and sisters Eileen and Patricia (Dunne).

Survived by loving wife of 56 years, Bonnie; son, Peter (Kim); daughters, Tricia Charnell (Duncan) and Mary Spades (Geoff); grandchildren, Ryan (Saleha) and Taylor Russell, Amelia and Sophie Charnell, Ryan, Nick, and Joe Spades; brother Bob, brother-in-law Dennis Dunne, nephews and nieces. Born in Milwaukee, WI and moved to Minneapolis as a young boy. He was a proud graduate of Washburn High School. He graduated from the University of Minnesota where he played college football and basketball. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. After college, he played basketball for the Washington Generals and his claim to fame was his game against the Harlem Globetrotters where he claims they won. Charles was a successful business man and started his own insurance agency. He retired in 1990. He always treated his clients as people and friends first. Charles was an avid golfer. He was a member and 1976 president of Mendakota Country Club. In addition to golf, he enjoyed a good gin rummy card game and a martini. He had the gift of storytelling and always had one on hand for friends. His family was his pride and joy. He enjoyed summer weekends at the cabin with family and friends. He was a great husband, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend. His larger than life personality will be forever missed. His spirit lives on in the

hearts of those who knew him.

Funeral service Friday 11AM at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home, 5000
50th Street, Edina. Visitation 1 hour prior.

Tribute Wall

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“ *There Is no particular memory but many lovely ones. What a wonderful, funny, loving man. He will be missed by many. Hugs to the survivors and tender thoughts. Cousin Becky*

Becky Walstrom - April 06, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Charles "Chic" William Russell .*



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“ *Thinking of you all at this time. Mr. Russell was loved by our entire family. The kids would light up as they waved to him from our front window and he waved back. He will be greatly missed! The Larson Family*

Jill Larson - April 03, 2017 at 04:42 PM