



William McGoldrick

November 12, 1923 - December 3, 2020

McGoldrick, William James 11/12/1923 - 12/3/2020 Bill died of COVID-19, just weeks after his 97th birthday. Born in Missouri, raised in Michigan and Massachusetts, his family moved to Minneapolis. There, he met and married his high-school love, and raised six children. Bill was an unusual combination of engineer and romantic. He could explain most of life using an equation, a slide rule, or a bell curve, but none of these could account for the grace of his skiing, the arc of his golf swing, or his decision to raise turkeys. After graduation from Washburn HS, and the U of M, Bill was deployed to England in WWII to train Allied pilots on the Honeywell-designed C-1 autopilot. After the war, he continued to work for Honeywell, tried his hand at farming the Minnesota river bottoms, co-founded Blizzard Ski Club, and, after leaving Honeywell, moved on to a long list of other pursuits. He was a competitive bridge player, a semi-professional bartender, a man who could build or fix almost anything, and a born putterer. Above all, he was devoted to his wife and children. He is predeceased by his son (also William James), his parents, and his sister, Margaret Ann. He is survived by his wife of 76 years, Julia ("Judy"), and children: Brian (Katherine Kay), Mary, Catherine (Michael Blassey), Sandra (Thomas Kendall), and Susan Robiner (William), 13 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. There is no service planned at this time, a memorial will be held at a later date. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996