

Charles R. Edelstein



Edelstein, Charles R. 81, passed away on December 8, 2015. Born July 17, 1934, in Duluth, MN, he was the son of the late Max and Sara Lee Edelstein and brother to the late Barbara Edelstein Goldstein of Hibbing. Chuck graduated from Hibbing High School as Valedictorian in 1952 and then from the University of Minnesota in 1959 with both Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctor degrees. He was admitted to the

bar in Minnesota and was an executive in the early semiconductor industry at Teledyne. He subsequently became a real estate developer in Palo Alto, CA, before retiring to San Francisco. A devoted husband of fifty years to wife Sara before her death in 2011, Chuck was a gentleman, a businessman, and a small-town boy at heart who loved nothing more than a prime rib, bitter beer, and a great cup of coffee. He grew in sophistication over the years, adding fine wines and cheeses. He was renowned for his shaggy dog jokes, packed with less-than-essential detail that he took great care in covering. He made great efforts to convert anyone in his vicinity to the pleasures of esoteric Russian composers. Chuck was a rock for family and friends alike, a model of fatherhood, always making himself available and offering steadiness, kindness, and advice both insightful and respectful. He was generous and thoughtful, always ready to help worthy causes, making himself a model to many. He was consistent in his love of travel, the arts and great food. In recent years he picked up the bongo drums and the keyboard, and participated actively in playwriting, film-making and comedy improv, joining and also founding groups of peers of all ages pursuing similar interests. A state championship-winning football quarterback, his true love was basketball, and his son-in-law notes from firsthand experience that he still drove to the hoop into his eighties. Chuck was extraordinary, almost anachronistic in his nobility, earnestness and gentility. The sadness of his loss is only tempered by the knowledge that he had a wonderful life; that he experienced great joy in his time here and gave great joy to others. He is survived by his son Alex Edelstein (Katie), San Francisco; his daughter Elizabeth Edelstein (Chris); and his granddaughter Fleur Saralynn Edelstein Keeslar, New York; his sister Jean Schore, San Francisco; his companion Carolyn Cline, and many, many loving relatives and friends. For information about making a donation in Chuck's memory, please email chuckmemorial@edelstein.org.

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