



Chester Charles Merrill

May 22, 1918 - May 22, 2017

Chester Charles Merrill died peacefully with his family by his side on his 99th birthday May 22, 2017.

He was the youngest child of Paul and Lena Merrill and brother of Edwin Merrill, Herbert Merrill, Raymond Merrill, Evelyn Merrill (Anderson) and Elizabeth Merrill (Cutler).

He was preceded in death by Theresa Merrill his beloved wife of 42 years and son David Merrill.

He is survived by his son James Merrill, his wife Mieko, and their children Steven and Jennifer Merrill. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Chester was a proud native of Battle Mountain, Nevada, a graduate of Box Elder High School in Brigham City, Utah, raised his family in San Francisco, and enjoyed a forty year retirement in Napa.

Chester was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army and had a long career with Golden State and later Foremost Dairy in San Francisco.

In recent years, he was content at home. He was always working on some project in his yard or garden and was always proud to show and share his latest crop with neighbors, friends and family. He loved to talk about his younger years in Nevada "God's country" but he also took time to share the wisdom that a long life can bring. He was a great father and even better grandfather.

Special thanks to Chester's nieces and nephews, neighbors, friends, and the health care folks at Kaiser Permanente who helped him to live independently and age well like the fine vintage he was.

A memorial service will be held at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home 1975 Main Street Napa California 94559 on Saturday May 27 at 11:00 AM. Burial will be at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, California.

If you wish to note Chester's passing, please consider donations to your favorite charity in lieu of flowers.