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Charles E. Utley of Mountain View, CA passed away peacefully on August 14, 2018 in Los Altos, CA. Chuck was born September 1, 1926 in Buffalo, NY and for 91 years was the devoted husband and best friend of Cornelia van der Voort, who he affectionately called "Neil". He is survived by sons, Robert B. Utley, and his wife Elisabeth Brinton of Sydney, Australia, Nelson V. Utley, and his wife Barbara of Cupertino, CA, and Charles A. Utley and his wife Teresa of Campbell, CA. He also leaves behind much-loved grandsons, Nicholas and Lucas and precious granddaughter, Emily.

Chuck was the son of Charles B. Utley and Kate (Phelps) Utley, growing up in Buffalo, NY until enlisting in the U.S. Navy during WWII and serving as a signalman on landing crafts in the South Pacific. He graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, MA in 1949. He began his marketing career in Buffalo at Sattlers, a pioneering discount department store, moving later to building products manufacturer National Gypsum Company. He then joined Whitney Seed Company, maker of lawn and garden products, where he was responsible for marketing and advertising. He met his future wife at the wedding of a mutual friend in 1950 and they were married three years later at Neil's family home in Fredonia, NY and then settling in East Aurora, NY.

In 1963 he moved his sales and marketing experience from Buffalo to Rumrill-Hoyt Advertising in Rochester, NY where he became a vice president and account supervisor. Feeling the need for change in 1970, Chuck joined Robert Ebey Company Advertising in Menlo Park, CA and the family made a memorable cross-country automobile trip to settle in Los Altos. He spent 20 years helping guide what became Ebey, Utley & Company through the economic ups and downs of Silicon Valley and assisted in the marketing successes of many of the area's important commercial, financial and technology companies.

Throughout his life, Chuck enjoyed travel, barbershop quartet singing, skiing, musical theater, watercolor painting, reading, cheering on the '49ers and attempting to master the banjo. He was a consummate handy-man, ready to take on anything around the house. He avidly supported his grandson, Nicholas' interest in baseball and football and rooted for him and his teams. Above all, he loved his wife, his sons and their families, and admired their character and accomplishments and the joys they continually gave him.

A memorial service will be held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Mountain View on Sunday, September 30, 2018, prior to private interment of cremains at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Los Altos, CA. on Monday, October 1, 2018.

