



William "Bill" Benschop

May 11, 1930 - August 25, 2025

Bill was born in Pijnacker, the Netherlands, on May 11, 1930. His childhood encompassed the period of World War II, which had a meaningful impact on his early adulthood in the Dutch Royal Navy and Merchant Marines.

In 1955, he immigrated to the United States, where he met and married Joan Honcoop, with whom he shared a loving marriage of 43 years. He worked in various industries before finding his passion in telecommunications, where he retired in 1985 and relocated to Blaine, WA. There, he pursued his love of sailing by constructing his own 36-foot sailboat.

Bill enjoyed playing bridge, cycling, sailing, and dancing. After Joan's passing in 1999, he found joy again with his partner Gezina Spiering from the Netherlands. Together, they traveled frequently between countries, sharing many cruises and adventures.

William is preceded in death by wife, Joan Honcoop, his son Arie Vanderwaal, Brother Woud Benschop, Sister Antonia Benschop, and his parents, Trintje and Aart Benschop.

William is survived by his partner Gezina Spiering, daughters Tina Conley(Ken), Anita Schmitz (Steve), Daughter-in-law Donna Vanderwaal, grandchildren Ryan Conley, Jamie Tyler (BJ), Laura Crocker(Alex), David

Kersbergen, Daniel Ewald (Kaylana) Jacob Ewald, Kristina Shober (Adam) and Karen Vanderwaal, and many loving friends and family.

In his later years, he especially cherished spending time with his family. He will be fondly remembered and sincerely missed.

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“ *Miss you so much Dad. Hope you are at peace and listening with great hearing to all our loved ones with you.* ”

TINA (your daughter) - September 22, 2025 at 12:00 AM