

Obituary for Captain Peter G. Bonebakker

Peter G. Bonebakker, 70, of Benicia, California passed away Friday, November 3 at home surrounded by the love of his family. He was born in Santa Barbara and called Benicia his home since 1995.

Pete graduated from the California Maritime Academy in 1968 and worked as a merchant mariner for more than 46 years. He earned his Unlimited Master's license in 1975 and sailed as Captain for almost 30 years. Pete ended his career working ashore for the Phillips 66 Co. as the West Coast Marine Terminal Advisor. He was actively involved in the maritime industry, serving on many boards and advisory committees which helped shape California's Maritime policy and standards. He was a member of The Council of American Master Mariners (CAMM) for many years.

In addition to his love of seamanship and navigation, Pete had a passion for cooking, always trying and improving new recipes. He enjoyed woodworking and most of all spending time with his family and friends. As one of his colleagues expressed, "Pete was the epitome of a professional mariner and the embodiment of a true friend to all."

Pete is survived by his wife, Susan, son Peter (Sara Bonebakker), daughter Catherine Bonebakker, brother Erno Bonebakker, sisters Helena Appleton and Connie Fuhrman, granddaughters Grace Elaine and Amelia Dawn Bonebakker. Pete, also, cherished his strong ties to all his nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at one o'clock at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 1400 East Second Street, Benicia, California.

Burial will be private. Donations in his name may be made to Hospice of the East Bay at www.HospiceEastBay.org. Or The Seamen's Church Institute at donateseamenschurch.org.

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