



## Peter G. Bonebakker

February 4, 1947 - November 3, 2017

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.

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](http://www.HospiceEastBay.org). Or The Seamen's Church Institute at [donateseamenschurch.org](http://donateseamenschurch.org).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 18. 1:00 PM (PT)

Heritage Presbyterian Church  
1400 East 2nd Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peter G. Bonebakker*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Peter was kind, generous, highly ethical, decent, and caring. I remember receiving a satellite call late one Friday evening from Captain Peter on the USNS YUKON as he was steaming to Sonderstrom, Greenland with a full load of JP-4 jet fuel and in a gale during 1985. He calmly told me (his boss at the time) that the rudder just fell off his ship. Calm and collected, I asked him to confirm visually this casualty. Peter had his crew hold the smallest crewmember by the ankles as they dangled him over the stern counter in darkness to confirm the casualty. We arranged to send a salvage tug and tow to Setubal, Portugal where Captain Pete oversaw the 55 day shipyard repair. Pete and I were class mates at California Maritime Academy (1965-1968) and if could be described in just one word, it would be 'Genuine'. His passing is a deep personal loss and our prayers to his entire family. His life was a life well-lived. Tom Stapleton*

**Tom Stapleton** - January 06, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter G. Bonebakker.*



November 17, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Peter G. Bonebakker.*



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November 15, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ *Connie and Ed purchased the With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Peter G. Bonebakker.*



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**Connie and Ed** - November 15, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ *You changed address on us Pete. I remember your first chief mate's job on the Keystone SS Santa Clara, as we went up there to Drift River and sniffed crude fumes together. I had nice chat with Pete not too long ago, and he was certain of the outcome after his final day here. Enjoy your eternity Pete. We had some laughs when you, Lewin and Hartshorn were at the Fairfax Freak Farm. Good thoughts, and may God bless those remaining in your family that got to receive your blessings when you were here. May God's peace envelop all there. See you when I get there.*  
*Kim Magnuson*



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**Kim Magnuson** - November 14, 2017 at 04:31 PM

VM

“ Virginia Martinez purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Peter G. Bonebakker.



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**Virginia Martinez** - November 13, 2017 at 04:14 PM

  
Kathryn  
Reiss

“ I remember Pete's warmth and good humor. Your whole family has my deepest sympathy at this sad time.

*love from Kathryn Reiss*

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**Kathryn Reiss** - November 10, 2017 at 09:45 PM

KS

“ Susan and Family,

*On behalf of the Carpinteria High Class of 65 we send our condolences. What a great photo of Peter. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kathy Mason Stark and the Class of 65*

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**Kathy Mason Stark** - November 10, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *The Phillips 66 family is deeply saddened by Pete's departure from our midst and wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to his wife and family. Captain Bonebakker's legacy of committed professionalism and service to all is cherished by those of us who worked with him. Fair winds and following seas colleague and friend, your Phillips 66 Teammates.*

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**Kevin Mulholland** - November 10, 2017 at 01:04 PM

CA

“ *I saw Cap'n Pete last February when he dropped by the CAMM Info Booth at the Cal Maritime Career Fair event. He looked good back then -- but he confided that he was "fighting the good fight" against cancer and that he was "hoping for the best". So sorry to hear that he lost that battle. Cap'n Pete was the consummate "Maritime Professional" -- whether working at sea or ashore -- and he was respected, admired and appreciated by all who knew and worked with him. On behalf of all his shipmates at The Council of American Master Mariners (CAMM) -- where he was a member for many years -- we extend our sincere condolences to the family on their loss. He will be sorely missed here at CAMM, and we share in that loss now. Sincerely, Cap'n Manny Aschemeyer (Cal Maritime Class of '63; and National Secretary & Treasurer for CAMM).*

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**Captain Manny Aschemeyer** - November 10, 2017 at 08:14 AM

HA

“ *The Cal Maritime family sends our sincere condolences Captain Pete's family. He was a frequent visitor to our campus and always had a good word to say or helpful advice to give. Pete served as Commanding Officer of the USTS GOLDEN BEAR during the 1996 training cruise. Always a true maritime professional with a long and distinguished career. Fair winds and clam seas my friend, Captain Harry Bolton, Commanding Officer, USTS GOLDEN BEAR*

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**Harry** - November 09, 2017 at 03:14 PM

PB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Pete's passing. We thoroughly enjoyed his company when you were still in the area near Seattle. Our prayers will be with all of you.

*Mike and Pat Boomhower*

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**Patricia A Boomhower** - November 06, 2017 at 04:05 PM

MS

*Please accept my deepest sympathies on Pete's passing. I worked with as a member of the San Francisco Bay Harbor Safety Committee. He was always a gentleman both well prepared and professional. He was respected by our Committee.*

*Sincerely,*

*Marina V. Secchitano*

*Regional Director*

*Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific*

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**Marina V. Secchitano** - November 12, 2017 at 10:37 PM