



Jan Berend van den Bosch

June 25, 1934 - July 15, 2022

After a long illness, Jan van den Bosch died peacefully at his home on the morning of July 15, 2022, surrounded by those that cared for him. Jan was 88 years old.

Jan was born in Enschede, The Netherlands, on June 25th, 1934 to the late Geert van den Bosch and Anntje Maartje Edens - van den Bosch. At the time Enschede was the epicenter of the Dutch textile industry, which led Jan to pursue a degree in Textile Engineering at the Technical University of Delft in The Netherlands. This, in turn, led to a long and successful career in the textile industry, holding positions in The Netherlands, Germany and for the last 30 years of his career in the United States. As Vice President of Sales in the Textile Dyes sector, Jan would tell you that “there was not a blue jean in the country that was not colored by their indigo blue dye”.

Jan was married for over 64 years to the love of his life, Catharine “Ine” Sterckel. They shared a passion for “having fun”, dancing, food and travel. Many summers in the early years were spent camping in the north of Denmark or the west of France with four young children in tow. Almost without fail, every Tuesday, he would “surprise” Ine with a bouquet of flowers.

In August of 1972, working for BASF – Textile Division, Jan and Ine bravely packed up their four small children and moved from The Netherlands to Charlotte, North Carolina. Jan learned to understand the locals; understood that “Jan” was considered a female name – so “J.B.” would work better and he quickly became a valued technical resource to the many textile customers that still existed in the Carolinas and beyond at the time.

Upon retirement in October 1996, Jan spent the following years in several volunteering roles. As a volunteer at Presbyterian Hospital Cardio Department, Jan guided and comforted families and friends of patients. In addition to Presbyterian Hospital, he also volunteered at the Charlotte Visitors and Information Center, where he loved to share all about the city that had embraced him and his family for all those years ago. His favorite vacation spot would become Hilton Head Island where he loved to relax under an

umbrella with a nice cold beer.

Jan is survived by his wife Ine, sons Peter van den Bosch (Sabine Fleischut), Frank van den Bosch (Theresa Coker), and daughters Janine Marek (Jeff), and Mirta Tilley. In addition, he leaves behind five beautiful grandchildren, Kristin Ericsson (Stacey), Danielle Marek, Jacob Marek, Logan Tilley, Josie Tilley and four great-grandchildren.

The family expresses their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the wonderful care and love provided to Jan by his caregivers and Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to:

Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region, 7845 Little Avenue Charlotte, NC 28226

A Memorial Service to celebrate Jan's life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be left at www.heritagecares.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Janine, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family.
This obituary is a beautiful tribute sharing a life well lived.
Sending much love to you all.*



kathleen Andrade - September 06 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Dear Janine, Jeff and family, A beautiful tribute to what sounds like a life well led.
God bless you all as you grieve your father's passing. 💕💕*

Connie Byers - July 19 at 09:27 AM