



Hans Juergen Hornbostel

December 1, 1928 - June 7, 2017

Hans J. Hornbostel was born in Braunschweig, Germany, in 1928 as an only child and suffered Nazi Germany and World War II first hand as a young boy and then teenager. In 1952, Hans was awarded one of the first Fulbright Scholarships and got the opportunity to study at Cornell University at the College of Industrial and Labor Relations. In 1956, he joined Schenker and Co., in Hamburg, Germany, and was transferred to New York in 1958. In that same year, he moved over to Daimler-Benz AG and became one of the founding members of Mercedes-Benz of North America, where he spent the next 30 years of his career. There he rose to the position of General Manager, Traffic, and was responsible for all transportation, distribution, and logistics for Mercedes-Benz automobiles, trucks, and parts in North America.

Hans was married in 1958 to Mary Elizabeth Sullivan, his wife of 43 years, who died in 2001. He spent the majority of this time living in Upper Saddle River, NJ. He is survived by his son, Hans Christian Hornbostel, of Frankfurt, Germany, and New York, NY, and his companion for 15 years, Christine Thalmann of Easton, Maryland. Hans spent the last stage of his life with Christine in Easton, and greatly enjoyed the countryside and waters of the Chesapeake. He traveled often to see his son and grandson, Hans Christoph, in Germany and often to his second home in Indian River Shores, in Vero Beach, FL.

Hans faced great challenges in his early life yet was able to immigrate to the US and enjoy a highly successful career during the high growth years of Mercedes Benz and the US automobile industry. He traveled extensively throughout the world. He was an avid and experienced skier, and with his son, skied some of the most famous ski resorts in the US and Europe including Squaw Valley, Vail/Beaver Creek in the US, St. Moritz, Switzerland and Zuers/Lech in Austria.

Hans will be dearly missed by Christine and Hans Christian, his grandson Hans Christoph, as well as Christine's children Rick and Johanna, who spent many years with him after he had moved to Easton. He will also be missed by many of his good friends from the US and Germany, especially Dr. Reinhard Schmid of Stuttgart, Germany, the Harms family of Bremen, Germany, Mr. Evan Yellin, of London, England, Mrs. Helene Mahoney, of Vero Beach, FL, and Pat and Jasper Greene of Upper Saddle River, NJ.

A funeral liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 3:00 PM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1210 S. Washington St., Easton, MD 21601.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 114 S. Washington St., Suite 103, Easton, MD 21601.

Previous Events

Funeral Liturgy

JUN **15**. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Hans Juergen Hornbostel*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Hans Juergen Hornbostel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM