



## Harald H.A. Hülsebusch

December 2, 1933 - February 28, 2023

Harald H. A. Hulsebusch, after a full and remarkable life of 89 years, passed away at 4:44 PM on February 28, 2023 with his loving stepdaughter, Julia Jane Di Sieno, at his side. He followed his wife, Wanda, who left us in December of 2021. Harald was born in Ovelgonne, Germany on December 2, 1933 to Lili and Heinrich Hulsebusch.

After a 35 year career at sea, as an engineer on ocean going ships, he retired as chief engineer on a tuna clipper. He was a partner in an ambitious and forward thinking lobster fishing venture in which he was also chief engineer on a vessel specially designed to catch, prepare, clean, freeze, and hold the catch. In 1961 he settled in Santa Barbara. Harald invested in local real estate and was, hands down, considered the most generous landlord his tenants ever had, always making sure families were housed safely. He and Wanda had a fabulous life, travelling the world together. His love of the sea continued, and for 20 years, in his sailing yacht, "Eagle", Harald, first mate Wanda, stepdaughter Julia, and many friends cruised the coastal waters, with many trips to Catalina and the Channel Islands. Harald was a proud member of the Santa Barbara Elks Club, the Santa Barbara German Club, and the Edelweiss Club. In his later years he enjoyed playing the game of Bunco.

After he lost Wanda, the last 14 months of his life were not spent in loneliness. He lived with Julia during most of that time, and she watched over him day

and night. They took frequent day trips and dined at Harald's old haunts and favorite restaurants.

He is survived by his brother, Immo (Else) of Rodenkirchen, Germany, and his 2 sisters, Siegrid (Horst) Ilchman of Flensburg, Germany, and Edith (Jeff) Frank of Gig Harbor, WA. He is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews and 12 grand nieces and nephews, as well as a stepson and stepdaughter.

He will be interred at the Santa Barbara Cemetery next to his wife, Wanda, on a hill overlooking the sea.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, March 17th. A luncheon will follow at "The Anchor Rose" , 113 Harbor Way, Ste 180 Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Please make any donations in Harald's honor to Animal Rescue Team Inc. and the Santa Barbara Elks Club.

Shorty, how lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. There is only one happiness in this life, to love and to be loved. Too dearly loved to be forgotten. See you and Mutti on the other side. Prost!  
Love, Julchen.

Harald Hülsebusch passed away in Santa Barbara, California on February 28, 2023, at the age of 89. He was born in Ovelgönne, Germany on December 2, 1933, to Lili and Heinrich Hülsebusch. He was predeceased by his wife, Wanda, his parents, and two sisters, Inge Kreyssig and Hilke Galaske. He is survived by his brother, Immo (Else) of Rodenkirchen, Germany and two

sisters, Siegrid (Horst) Ilchmann of Flensburg, Germany and Edith (Jeff) Frank of Gig Harbor, WA. He also is survived by eleven nieces and nephews and twelve grand nieces and nephews as well as a stepson and stepdaughter. He had a thirty-five-year career as an engineer on ocean going ships. When he retired, he was a chief engineer on an ocean going tuna clipper. He called Santa Barbara "home port" beginning in 1961 and settled finally when he retired in 1989. He and his wife, Wanda, built a life together which included many trips throughout the U.S. and Germany visiting family. His love of the sea resulted in many cruises taken to ports throughout the world. His sailboat "Adler" provided twenty years of enjoyment sailing throughout the Channel Islands and coastal waters near Santa Barbara. He was a proud member of the Santa Barbara Elks Club and the Santa Barbara German Club. He will be interred at the Santa Barbara Cemetery next to his wife, Wanda, on a hill overlooking the sea. A private memorial service is planned at a future date.

# Cemetery Details

## **Santa Barbara Cemetery**

901 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
(805) 969-3231

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

MAR 17. 10:00 AM (PT)

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901 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

# Tribute Wall

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ele - March 15, 2023 at 12:17 PM

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ele - March 15, 2023 at 12:18 PM

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julia Di sieno - March 08, 2023 at 01:22 PM

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*Harald, you are and always will be my ROCK thru life.  
Worlds alone fail to describe the sadness. Please look after my mutti in  
Heaven.*

*See you on the other side. Don't forget our promise and pact we have*



julia Di sieno - March 08, 2023 at 01:24 PM