



## Konrad Hermann Woermann October 14, 1931 - March 19, 2015

Konrad Woermann passed away March 19 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease and dementia. He has lived at Genesis, Spa Creek for 2 years and was afflicted for several years before that.

Konrad was born in Hamburg, Germany on October 14, 1931, the sixth of seven children. During the war, his family sent his mother and the smaller children to Bavaria to ride out the bombing in Hamburg. They returned to Hamburg post-war where he learned the trade of diesel mechanic. In the mid 50s, he spent some time working for their family import/export business in Cote d'Ivoire, Africa. Following his younger sister, who went to Canada to become a dairy farmer, he immigrated to Vancouver, British Columbia in 1957. He briefly owned a Peugeot dealership there. He met and married Carol Bell in 1962, and their first daughter, Katrina, was born the following year. The family moved clear across the country to Moncton, New Brunswick, where his second child Danielle was born. He began a 20-year career with Volkswagen and was transferred to New Jersey in 1967. His son, Carl, was born shortly afterwards. In the mid 70s, he bought his first sailboat: a 20-foot sloop called Calypso and moored it at the Nyack Boat Club on the Hudson River.

In the mid 80s, Konrad left Volkswagen and set up a successful yacht import business. He was the sole importer of a line of sailing yachts from Denmark called X-Yachts. He worked at this business until his retirement in his mid 70s. He moved to Nyack, New York where he lived for almost a decade. He met his next-half-of-life partner, Lyn Rockhill in 1989 and after some time they moved to Annapolis, Maryland, the sailing capitol of the Eastern Seaboard.

From the 80s until just a few years ago, he owned a series of attractive X-Yachts all named *Fortuna*, after the Roman Goddess of luck. His passion was for sailing and he was often out on the Hudson River and then for a long time on the Chesapeake Bay, spinnaker proudly flying.

Konrad is survived by his loving partner Lyn Rockhill and her family, his brother Heinrich, his sisters Eleonore and Christiane and by his children Katrina, Danielle, and Carl, and 5 grandchildren: Kayla, Christian, Sydney, Lila and Conrad.

There will be a service in Annapolis in May and he will be buried in his family plot in Germany. Donations in his honor may be sent to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis MD 21403.