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Dad was born on September 7, 1931 to Henry and Cornelia Bakker in Salt Lake City, Utah and was raised in Amsterdam, Holland. As a young man he witnessed firsthand the cruelties of war as his country was occupied by the German army during this time. His family came to America in 1946 and shortly thereafter, he joined the US Navy at the age of 16. He then witnessed the unmatched generosity of America in aiding and building up the people and nations who were previously considered enemies. After his military service, he often said that this time in his life caused him to truly fall in love with America and all the good she stood for.

After his Navy service, he met his future wife, Jacklyn in 1954 at a dance in Oakland, California. They were married in 1955 and were later sealed in the Laie, Hawaii Temple and enjoyed over 66 years of companionship. Together they started and succeeded in the wholesale bakery business in which their legacy lives on. Their cookies are now sold in every state in the country, what an accomplishment!

He is survived by his faithful and dedicated wife Jacklyn and their 8 children, Kelley (Joel), Marty (Darla), Eddy (Colette), Rick (Julie), Mitch (Laura), Ralph (Denette), Bob (Julie) and Jennifer as well as 30 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

Dad loved both his Dutch and American heritage and instilled in his children a love of Holland and particularly the wonderful food. He was tenacious to the end and with a smile and twinkle in his eye, never quit trying to get us to take him back to Amsterdam “just one more time”.

Funeral services were held on May 20, 2021 with interment at Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery. Please share your favorite memory of Frank with his family at larkincares.com.