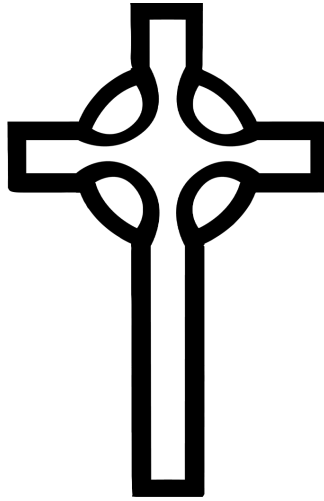


A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
and Celebration of the Life of

PETRUS PAULUS CAROLUS BOTTELIER
February 16, 1937 – April 8, 2026



*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Monday, June 8, 2026
11 AM
Sanctuary
National Presbyterian Church
Washington, DC

THE LORD'S PRAYER *in unison*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Romans 8

We believe there is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purposes.
We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SOLO

No More Night

Walter Harrah
Lt. CDR John McFarlane, OD

BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552

J. S. Bach
Mr. Fickley

▲ *Please stand if able*

The family invites you to attend a reception in Stone Fellowship Hall..

IN MEMORIAM
PETRUS PAULUS CAROLUS BOTTELIER
February 16, 1937 – April 8, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce that our beloved Pieter Petrus Paulus Carolus Bottelier, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 from complications of Parkinson's Disease. During his final days he was surrounded by his loving family, who were present to witness together his peaceful transition from his earthly existence to his eternal home. Dearly loved and highly respected, he left behind a legacy that will live on in all who were privileged to know him. He has left a lasting impression on his colleagues, students and all who were privileged to interact with him. A kind-hearted, generous, highly principled and humble man, with a bright, winning smile, he loved his family and was faithful to his friends.

Born on February 16, 1937 to Cornelis Bottelier and Mies Gruppings in Amsterdam, Pieter was educated in the Netherlands. The eldest of six children, his early years during the Second World War living under German occupation left lasting impressions that helped inform his world view. The first in his family to attend university, he joined a fraternity of intellectuals at the University of Amsterdam, engaging in rigorous philosophical debates and discussions in pursuit of academic excellence.

After graduating from the University of Amsterdam with a degree in economics, he came to the United States in 1962 on a Harkness Fellowship from the Commonwealth Fund. He continued his graduate study in economics at MIT and later moved to Washington DC for an internship at the Brookings Institution. After returning to Amsterdam to teach at the University of Amsterdam, he was hired as a consultant to UNCTAD on the global market for virgin and scrap non-ferrous metals and was invited to serve as Chief Economist and Marketing Director of the (then) Zambian State Mining Corporation.

In 1970 Pieter began his 28-year career in the World Bank where he oversaw several key economic developments in various countries: Country Economist working on countries in East and West Africa, and Senior Economist for East Asia and Pacific (1970-1979); Resident Chief Economist in Jakarta, Indonesia, (1979-1983); Division Chief for Mexico, (1983-1987); Director for the Southern Cone countries in Latin America, (1987-1991); Director for the Middle East and North Africa Region, (1991-1993); and his penultimate assignment as Chief of the Resident Mission in Beijing, China, (1993-1997); In his final 16 months at the Bank (1997-1998) he served as Senior Advisor to the Vice President for East Asia and Acting Regional Chief Economist for East Asia.

The four and a half years Pieter spent in China significantly influenced the next two decades of his professional work. He became laser-focused on subjects related to China's economic development. As a renowned economist and China scholar, he was recognized as an important China expert and was applauded for his significant contributions to China's reform and economic development. He was frequently interviewed by scholarly journals, domestic and international media, and participated in numerous panel discussions on the

history of economic policy making in China and other China-related topics. A respected friend of China, referred to by the local Chinese as “Lao Bao”, he was valued for his honesty, insight, and ability to engage at all levels. He built rapport with the country’s leaders, and his scholarship and effective leadership contributed meaningfully to the countries and communities he served.

Not long after he left the World Bank, Pieter was offered a position at Johns Hopkins University’s School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS) to teach a course on China’s economy (1999-2016). This started a new career as a senior adjunct professor and China scholar, teaching courses related to China’s economy and economic/financial policies since the start of Deng Xiaoping’s reforms in the 1970s. His courses were often oversubscribed, as students sought to learn from his vast knowledge, his wisdom, experience and insightful analyses. He was a dedicated mentor to his students and generously gave them academic and professional advice, often writing recommendations and helping guide their career decisions. He enjoyed critical, constructive discourse. His commitment to scholarly excellence, a strong work ethic, sharp intellect, diplomacy, collegiality and generous spirit earned him the respect of colleagues and students alike. Pieter’s academic career in teaching gave him a platform by which he helped others better understand China and developing economies.

Parallel to his 17-year tenure at SAIS, he also taught as adjunct lecturer at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and as adjunct professor at Georgetown University (2000-2003). He was also a non-resident scholar at the Carnegie International Economics Program and senior advisor on China to The Conference Board.

His publications include the highly acclaimed text on China’s elite economists, *Economic Policy Making in China (1949-2016): The Role of Economists* (Routledge). He edited a collection of essays, *China’s Economy at the Crossroads* (Foreign Languages Press, China) and contributed chapters to the *Handbook of Emerging Economies*, “China after the international financial crisis: still emerging” and the *Routledge Handbook of Chinese Business and Management*, “From ‘Iron-Rice-Bowl’ to Labour Market: The Development of Labour Markets in China After Mao” (Routledge). He authored numerous reports and policy papers, including an article, *China and the World Bank: How a Partnership Was Built*, which highlighted the important role played by the World Bank in the early years of China’s reform and opening up. With his vast experience working on a number of countries, he contributed extensively to the World Bank’s oral history project as well as to the publication, *China and the World Bank Group, 40 Years of Partnership, At the Front Line: Reflections on the Bank’s work with China over Forty Years (1980-2020)*.

Pieter became an American citizen in 2008. He was married to his first wife Beatrix Obers for 23 years and together they had four children. After his divorce, he met and married Grace McFarlane Bottelier, his beloved wife and steadfast partner, with whom he had a daughter. Pieter and Grace celebrated 40 happy years of marriage in 2025. Together, they enjoyed the outdoors, taking long walks in Rock Creek Park and along the C&O Canal, gardening, traveling the world, attending concerts, and hosting entertaining dinner parties. They shared many joyful moments sailing their boat, J’Adoube, on the Chesapeake Bay with many friends and colleagues, with Pieter documenting in the Captain’s log book each visitor, human and canine, that joined on the sail. He enjoyed carpentry, working with his hands and loved wandering around the

hardware store. For many years, Pieter faithfully followed global news, clipping articles from the five newspapers that came daily – Financial Times, The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post and China Daily – carefully annotating and commenting on them and saving them for future use.

Pieter had an insatiable curiosity to learn and asked probing questions. An avid reader, his interests spanned subjects including religion, history, science, the universe and technological developments, and he enjoyed watching documentaries. Raised in the Catholic Church, where several relatives served as Jesuit priests and nuns, Pieter came to embrace the Protestant faith, becoming a member of the National Presbyterian Church in 2004. He was elected as a member of the Cosmos Club in 2014.

Pieter loved music. He sang in a boys' treble choir and played the violin as a child. His violin has traveled everywhere he lived and still remains in his study. A devoted supporter of Grace's career as a pianist and teacher, he beamed with pride when listening to her playing as well as their daughter Carolyn's singing. Pieter enthusiastically supported her piano students at lessons and recitals and loved engaging with their parents.

He is survived by his wife Grace; his children Hugo (Caroline), Eric Jefferson (Melissa), Marie Juliette "Juleke" (Peter Vlot), Philip Stefan and Carolyn Rose (Alex Medeiros); his grandchildren Lydia Jasmine, Lucas Quinn, Sylvester Noah, Oscar Alexander, Olivier Pieter, Sophie Jill and Juliette Beatrix Elizabeth Grace; his brother Tom; sisters Els (Jaap Heuvingh), Judith and Mathilde "Til" (Eelco Hessling); sister-in-law Maria; his former wife, Bea; and his nieces and nephews in the Netherlands, as well as his oldest living aunt, Jolanda Bottelier-Odijk "Tante Jo", 108 years old. He was predeceased by his brother Steven.

The family wishes to thank Gary Mhlanga, for his exceptional care, kindness and loyalty as Pieter's healthcare aide for two and a half years.

A Celebration of Life honoring Pieter will be held at National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC on Monday, June 8, 2026, with a musical prelude beginning at 10:30 am, followed by the memorial service at 11:00 am and a reception immediately thereafter.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his honor to the American Parkinson Disease Association: <https://www.apdaparkinson.org> or the SAIS Hopkins-Nanjing Center Annual Fund, which supports students, faculty, and the operations of the SAIS campus in Nanjing, China. Please use this link (<https://secure.jhu.edu/form/sais>) to make your gift online (select "Hopkins-Nanjing Center" in the dropdown and under gift options, select to notate this is in memory of Pieter Bottelier) or email saisdevelopment@jhu.edu.



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