



Friendship – William Henry Zuber, II began his final expedition on June 19, 2024 at the age of 88, after a short illness. Born in Manalapan, NJ the son of Ethelmae (Kroll) and William Henry Zuber on March 10, 1936, Bill grew up on a farm in NJ, attended Manasquan High School, Admiral Farragut Academy and was a graduate Rowan (Glassboro) University. He learned to sail at a young age, at the age of 18 got his US Coast Guard Captain's license, which he held into his 70's attaining his 100 Ton Ocean Masters license. With his father and brother-in-law, he captained charter fishing trips off the Jersey shore, and owned and operated Zuber's Seacoast Yacht Basin in Brielle. Always being enamored with Friendship Sloops, he made his way to Friendship Maine. He was an early member of the Friendship Sloop Society serving as Commadore, and in other offices of the Society over the years. In 1967, he bought Friendship Sloop Gladiator maintaining and sailing her through the rest of his life. He moved to Friendship to be an educator and Waterfront Director for the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School in the 1970's. Gladiator was with him at HIOBS, as his favorite classroom and place to share special times aboard with others. After his retirement from HIOBS, Bill worked for the SEA program where he helped design and build the research vessel SSV Seamans, sailing he and his wife on a tour through the South Pacific. He remained active in retirement, working for the Apprentice Shop, Prock Marine and other endeavors involving captaining, building and sailing boats. As an avid seaman, boatbuilder and educator, his life revolved around the sea. He was a member of the Meduncook Masonic Lodge in Friendship and Nativity Lutheran Church of Rockport.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, sister, Ethelmae Sevastakis and her husband George, a nephew, Teddy Sevastakis and step-grandson, Eddie Gilblair. He is survived, and greatly missed by his wife of 66 years, Caroline, who resides at Quarry Hill in Camden. Three sons William Zuber, III and husband Granville Zuber, of Manchester, NH, Robert Zuber and husband Tramele Staples of Tilghman Island, MD, and Andrew Zuber and his wife Kandace of Waldoboro, ME. Five grandchildren, Ali, Sara, Isaac and his wife Alex, Ben and Liam. Two great-grandchildren Brady Cramer and Phoebe Zuber, and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life and gathering of friends will be held Saturday, August 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Nativity Lutheran Church in Rockport, ME, with a reception following. His ashes will be returned to the sea by the family. Donations in his memory may be made to the Friendship Museum P.O. Box 226, Friendship, ME 04547, the Friendship Scholarship Fund, PO Box 129, Friendship, ME, the Friendship Sloop Society, c/o Carole Wojcik, 347 Lincoln Street, Norwell, MA 02061, or the Nativity Lutheran Church, 179 Old County Road, Rockport, ME 04856.