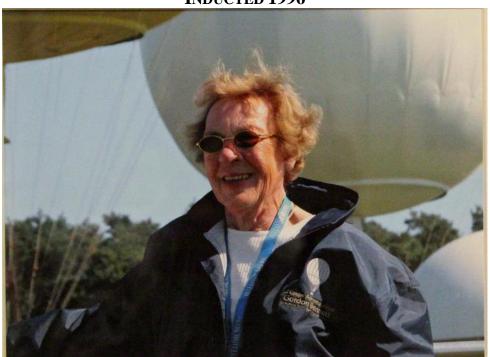


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Netherlands
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Sport Balloonist
11 May 1918 – 2 June 2009

Nini Boesman is considered the "mother of gas ballooning" in the Netherlands. With her husband Jo she flew gas balloons in Australasia, Africa, North and South America, Europe and India. Nini was an active licensed gas balloon pilot for over fifty years and trained many others in the sport. She was a frequent competitor in gas balloon races and was the first female pilot in the "modern" Gordon Bennett race.

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