

MARION PRITCHARD

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE



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Marion Pritchard (née Van Binsbergen) was born November 7, 1920, to father Jacob Van Binsbergen and mother Grace Van Binsbergen in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. She was studying at the Amsterdam School for Social Work when she was arrested on suspicion of participation in resistance activities. Six months later, once released from prison, Marion continued her work with the resistance, helping approximately 150 Dutch Jews to survive the war in hiding, by supplying them with food and false papers. After the war, she met her husband, an American soldier, while working for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. They were married in a German DP camp in the late 1940s and moved to the USA where she and her husband had three sons. In 1981, she was recognized by Yad Vashem for her work to save Jewish people, receiving the Righteous Among the Nations designation. At the time of her interview in 1998, she had twelve grandchildren. Her interview took place on May 14, 1998, in Vershire, VT, USA. Marion Pritchard passed away in December 2016.