Catherine Lucking Starbuck "Pat" Wygant 1923-2015

August 13, 1923-April 1, 2015 Catherine was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 13, 1923 and died in Santa Barbara, California on April 1, 2015. Catherine has been cremated and her wish is to have her ashes, "thrown into the wind and sea".

Catherine is survived by her son, Charles Starbuck, his wife Keri Starbuck and their two sons, Lucas and Michael Starbuck. She also leaves behind her daughter, Susan Deering and her two daughters, Amy Deering and Kelsey Parolini. Catherine is also survived by her stepson, Jonathan Wygant, his wife, Elise and their children, Gabriella Wygant, and Page and James Hawkins.

Catherine was married to Edward Baxter Starbuck in Pasadena in 1946.

She later married, Benyaurd Wygant in Santa Barbara in 1984.

Catherine spent her formative years growing up in the Coachella Valley and Lake Arrowhead. She attended The Desert Sun School in Idyllwild, California, The Bishop School in La Jolla, California, The Polytechnic School in Pasadena, California and graduated from The Anokia School in La Canada, California. Catherine then went onto Scripps College in Pomona, California for one year, where upon she transferred to The University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Therapy.

Catherine served on the Board of the Lobero Theater in Santa Barbara, California. She was a member of The Junior League of Santa Barbara, The Music Academy of the West, The Garden Club of Santa Barbara and The Little Town Club.

While serving on The Lobero Theater board, Catherine wrote a musical called, "A Minor Miracle". The musical was produced and preformed in two phases. Phase one was performed seventy two times at Le Petite Cabaret in Santa Barbara under the name, Hobo Land. Phase two saw a rewrite and the new name, A Minor Miracle was added. A cast of students from The Westmont Music Department in Santa Barbara, performed the production in 2010. This was a great triumph for Catherine!

She leaves us with this statement about her life, "Life has been good and full!"

A memorial party for Pat will be held May 30th at 2 PM in the Casa Dorinda Music room, Santa Barbara.

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