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Pauline ("Polly") Wright Ellis, formerly of Los Angeles and Pasadena, CA, died on July 21 at 94 years of age at her residence in Palo Alto, CA.

Polly attended Marlborough School for Girls, Finch College and Stanford University (’42). In 1946 she married Long Ellis, who joined his family lumber business and they raised their children in Longview, WA, and Kansas City, MO, before moving to Pasadena in 1959. She lived in Pasadena until 2006.

Polly was an active volunteer with interests ranging from the local Girl Scouts to national committees of the Garden Club of America. She was a 50-year member of the Diggers Garden Club in Pasadena and served as President from 1988-90, during which time she chaired the Garden Club of America's prestigious Medal Award Committee. She was a past President of the GCA's Western Zone.

Polly was devoted to her children and grandchildren and to family gatherings. She had great energy and enjoyed shooting, fishing and tennis. Her grandchildren will remember her for her hysterical clues at charades, her passion for a good mystery book, and her favorite meal: an all-beef hot dog, split down the middle with catsup and relish.

Polly leaves four children (and their spouses): Pamela Ellis Simons (Richard Simons, Charleston, SC), Sally Lamar Ellis (Stuart Taylor, Washington, DC), Pauline Kingsbury Ellis (Michael Ramsaur, Palo Alto, CA) and Long Ellis Jr (Catherine Buckley Ellis, Rowayton, CT) and eight grandchildren. A Memorial Reception will be held in Pasadena in early October. A service is planned for next June at the family house on Cape Cod, where she spent summers and Thanksgiving until recently.

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