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Sarah Ann Kiskadden (Sally) McClelland passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 11, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Connecticut. She was 97 and was a resident of Noble Horizons, in Salisbury, Conn. Sally McClelland was born in Detroit, Michigan, and grew up in Highland Park, Mich. She graduated from Highland Park High School, attended Radcliffe College, and graduated from Connecticut College in 1941. She married William Ira McClelland in 1943 and lived in Rochester, Mich., until 1999, when she moved to Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Sally was a lifelong scholar and passionate reader. She would express joy at finding an interesting book she hadn't read, and her knowledge of Islamic and Asian art and history rivaled that of professional academicians. Her love and appreciation of music, dance, and the theater were profound. She knew thoroughly the classical operatic and song repertoires and was a devotee of the music of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Brahms, Chopin and others. As a girl she studied dance at the Denishawn School of Dance in Detroit, and although she became quite accomplished, she felt she didn't have sufficient talent to pursue a career in dance. Through her mother and father, Janet and Donald Kiskadden, she developed a great love of the theater and attended numerous plays and musicals throughout her life. This love was enhanced by the fact that her paternal grandfather was a first cousin of the legendary actress Maude Adams, the original "Peter Pan" on Broadway. Adams was very close to the Kiskadden family and Sally met her and saw her perform a number of times. After her husband, William, died in 1989, Sally began to travel the world with her friend Bonnie Abiko, who was a professor at Oakland University in Rochester. Combining their mutual interest in Islamic art and architecture, they traveled to Syria, Turkey, Egypt, and the Moorish regions of Spain. Together, they also explored famous archeological and ancient cultural sites in India, Nepal, Cambodia, and Japan. Sally's brilliance, humor, elegance, and dignity made an impression on virtually everyone she met. She had a prodigious memory and could effortlessly relate details of her family's history and genealogy. When she was 94, she wrote and published her autobiography, "Sally, a Family Memoir," dedicated to her beloved granddaughters, Sadie and Emma. Beautifully written, it describes her early years growing up in Michigan in vivid detail and her family's genealogical past. It is available here: <http://www.blurb.com/books/4917098-sally> Sally is pre-deceased by her husband, William, who died in 1989, and by a son, David, in 1976. She is survived by her son William and his wife, Jean, of North Bergen, New Jersey; son Thomas (Tim) and his wife, Carrie Harper, of Great Barrington; and her two granddaughters, Sadie and Emma McClelland, also of Great Barrington. At her request, there will be no funeral. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society ([berkshirehumane.org](http://berkshirehumane.org)), 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield, Mass. 01201, or to the charity of your choice. The Kenny Funeral Homes, Sharon, Conn. has care of the arrangements.

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