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Patricia was born on March 17, 1919 in Santa Maria to Charles Leo Preisker and Annie (Adams) Preisker.

Raised in Santa Maria, she attended Santa Maria High School. Pat received her BA from the University of California at Berkley and did post graduate study at Yale's School of Nursing.

During the summer of 1939, she was one of the first women to attend Cal Pol, San Luis Obispo. That summer she learned to fly and met James McLanahan.

Pat and Jim were married on May 15, 1943. Upon Jim's return from service in World War II, they managed the Preisker Dairy in Santa Maria and the McLanahan Dairy in Oso Flaco. She raised five children, did the books, gave business dinner parties and drove a tractor when needed.

A member of Minerva Club, Pat loved playing bridge. She was a 4-H leader and very active in the Santa Maria Historical Society. She and Jim moved the dairy to Cuyama in 1966 and were very active in the Cuyama Community.

After selling the dairy, during the 80's and 90's they purchased and trained llamas for packing. In 1988, they returned to Santa Maria and built a second home in Castle Valley, Utah at the location of Canyonlands Llamas.

Pat is survived by her husband James, sister Katherine Durley of Fresno, daughters Sharon and Julia McLanahan of Santa Maria, daughter, Ann and her husband Hank Freeman of Castle Valley, Utah; grandchildren, Miranda, James David III, and Christopher. Sadly Pat was preceded in death by daughter Suzanne, son, Charles, and grandchildren, Gabriel and Winter.

Patricia McLanahan was privately interred in the Santa Maria Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate

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