

Gloria Patricia "Pat" Beckman

Beckman, Gloria Patricia
March 7, 1933 - August 2011

Gloria Patricia (Pat) Beckman, 78, died at her home in Corona Del Mar, CA in August 2011. (Actually Pat died on about July 1 of a heart attack according to the Orange County coroner and was discovered dead in mid-August in her home at 107 Shore Cliff Dr. when newspapers began to accumulate.)¹



Pat was born on March 7, 1933 in New York City and lived briefly in Chicago before moving to California with her family at age 3. She was the (adopted) daughter of the late Dr. Arnold O. and Mabel M. Beckman.

Pat earned her Bachelor of Science degree in occupational therapy from Mills College and her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Cal State Los Angeles. She worked as an Occupational Therapist and RN for many years.

Pat was the founding president and member of the Orange County chapter of the ARCS Foundation (Achievement Rewards for College Scholars) and also sat on the boards of the Chicago, Colorado and Pittsburgh chapters. She was an active board member of the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, a lifetime trustee of the California Institute of Technology as well as a board member of the Caltech Chemical and Chemical Engineering Division. She was also a member of the UCI Nursing Program Leadership Council and had served earlier on the UCLA School of Nursing Advisory Board.

Pat was an avid traveler and spent weeks and months at a time on her adventures around the world. She loved nature and hiking, gardening, reading and most of all encouraging young people in their pursuit of science and education. She was a quiet but very generous philanthropist. There are hundreds if not thousands of people she affected with her generosity and kindness.

Pat was loved by her family and her many friends, she will be missed.

She is survived by her brother (Arnold Stone Beckman also adopted), nephews Arnold W. Beckman and his wife Pamela, Kurt D. Beckman and his wife Cambria, 3 grandnephews, Nicholas, James and Jake Beckman and 1 grandniece, Ashley White. There is also a large network of close family members who will miss her greatly.

Memorial services are pending and will be announced soon. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Pat's favorite charities, ARCS Foundation (national and/or local chapters) and Mills College.

¹ Karl Belser , Pat's cousin and good friend, made the annotations in parentheses.