



Patricia Sue Benson

November 14, 1954 - May 12, 2026

Patricia "Pat" Sue Benson, a talented designer and devoted matriarch, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2026, at French Hospital in San Luis Obispo, California.

Born in Long Beach, California, in November 1954, Pat was adopted and raised by her loving parents, Max and Barbara Allomong. She grew up in Inglewood and Torrance, graduating from Torrance High School before earning her degree in Interior Design from Long Beach State.

Pat began her career as a landscape designer and draftsman for a professional architecture firm. In 1978, she moved to El Segundo to work as a store designer for Merle-Norman Cosmetics. It was there that she met Alex Benson. The couple married in 1981, launching a lifelong partnership in both family and business. Together, they designed and constructed four custom homes, three mixed-use buildings, two apartment complexes, and a 31-unit boutique inn. Pat's sharp eye for design and layout shaped every project.

In 1995, the Benson family relocated to Los Osos, later settling into the Ferrini Heights neighborhood of San Luis Obispo in 1997. That same year, Pat was diagnosed with auto-immune hepatitis. For 28 years, she faced her rare liver disease with incredible resilience, managed by various medications until facing kidney and liver failure in late 2025.

Pat dedicated her life to her family, her cats, and her passion for landscape and interior design. Her breathtaking yards stood as a vibrant testament to her gardening prowess.

Pat's presence will be deeply missed by her husband, Alex; her sons, Ryan(Catherine) and Max(Katie); and her cherished grandchildren, Dexter, Dean, and Charlie Benson, along with many friends.

Memorial Service

A celebration of Pat's life will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the Baywood Inn (1370 2nd St, Los Osos, CA 93402). Family and friends are invited to gather to honor her memory, share stories, and celebrate a life beautifully lived.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 1:00 PM (PT)

Baywood Inn
1370 2nd St.
Los Osos, CA 93402