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Beatrice (Bea) Jane Goodrich Hoppenrath was born October 12, 1927, the fifth child of George Foster and Elsie Alice Dougherty Goodrich. She was born on a farm in Dayton Township, Hennepin County, MN. She attended a one room school from first grade through seventh grade, when the family moved into the small town of Champlin. She graduated from High School at Anoka, MN. On October 11, 1946, she and Glenn W. Hoppenrath were married at the Champlin Methodist Church. Of this marriage, two children were born, Yvonne and Robert. The family lived in Champlin until 1963, when they moved to the Hill City area, where they built and operated the Willow Inn, a bar and restaurant. They sold this business and moved to the town of Hill City, about 1969.

In 1973, she and Glenn moved to Arizona, settling in Gisela, AZ in 1985. They were both active in the volunteer fire department, AZ Bluegrass Festivals, community center, and Gisela Community Church, where they both served terms on the board. Bea loved music and dancing, and both she and Glenn sang songs together at the church. Bea enjoyed doing crossword and sudoku puzzles, playing a hot dice game of 10,000, and reading a variety of books

and the Bible. In her early married years, she was a homemaker and then worked as a billing clerk at Anoka Electric Coop (REA). After moving to AZ, she worked in banking and retired from First Interstate Bank as an operations officer.

She lost her beloved husband in 1994, and then her son, Robert, in 2001. In 2005, she relocated to East Wenatchee, WA, to be near her daughter and made her home with her granddaughter and family, Danielle and John Fisher. Bea was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, where she was in charge of the United Methodist Women Reading Program. She was also a member of Anoka County Historical Society and Anoka County Genealogy, both in Minnesota and the American Legion Auxilliary Post # 69 in Payson, AZ.

Preceding her in death are her parents; two brothers and two sisters; husband, Glenn; son, Robert; and her son-in-law, Michael Gowell. Surviving are daughter, Yvonne Gowell of East Wenatchee, WA; daughter-in-law, Faye Hoppenrath of Payson, AZ; one sister, Marian Auchter of Minnesota; four grandchildren, Danielle (John) Fisher and Aaron Gowell of East Wenatchee, WA, Jason (Cheryl) Hoppenrath of Fort Eustis, VA and Gina (Matt) Brooks of Queen Creek, AZ; eight great-grandchildren: Gracie and Riley Patrick, Robby and Alana Hoppenrath, Dominica, Selah, and Alena Brooks and step-great grandson, Jack Fisher. A Celebration of Life Service for Bea will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 16, 2013 at Trinity United Methodist Church in East Wenatchee.