



Recognizing Beatrice “Bea” Garcia

August 3, 2024

Whereas, Beatrice “Bea” Garcia was born in Prescott, Arizona, on August 3, 1934, to Armida Otero and was the oldest of four girls and had an older brother; and

Whereas, Bea attended Jerome High School, which later merged to become Mingus Union High School, where she graduated. During her high school years, she made unforgettable memories by participating in volleyball, badminton, tennis, cheerleading, school plays, and playing the clarinet in the band; and

Whereas, After graduating and the mines closing where her father worked, Bea and her family moved to Phoenix where she attended the Arizona School of Cosmetology and passed the state board exam. Bea enjoyed working at a beauty salon named Kina’s, and even now, there are a few women still around whose hair she used to do; and

Whereas, Bea met the love of her life, Sam, through friends. They fell in love, got married, and have four children: Cindy, Lizzy, Sammy, and Danny. Years later, the four children helped run Garcia’s Market after Sam’s parents passed away. Garcia’s Market prospered for 50 years, from 1946 to 1996.; and

Whereas, Bea enjoyed contributing to her children's school by volunteering as a homeroom parent, participating in field trips, assisting in the school's clothing room, and being a member of the PTA.

Whereas, Bea and Sam were involved with the Saint John Vianney Church and Bea was the chairman of the Queen contest for many years, was a CCD teacher and got certified by Bishop Green and Bishop McCarthy, was president of the Women’s Sodality, was part of the parish council, and started the funeral meals when Father Zurcher was the Priest. Additionally,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, and along with the entire Avondale City Council, do hereby proclaim August 3, 2024, as “Beatrice “Bea” Garcia Day” in honor of her 90 Years.

Mayor

City Clerk