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Beatrice Pilaria
June 20, 1929 – April 14, 2018

Beatrice (Bebe) was the second-born child of Gracian and Ruth (Rowland) Pilaria. Beatrice Pilaria a descendent of the earliest settlers in the San Gabriel Valley, was born in La Puente, California, on June 20, 1929. Her siblings are Antoinette (Robertson), Rowland 'Rowlie' Pilaria and Ruth Marie Pilaria. She had many cousins, nieces, nephews and great nieces & nephews.

Beatrice attended Hudson Elementary and La Puente High School in La Puente then attended San Antonio Junior College and San Jose State College, majoring in Art and Teaching.

After earning her teaching credential, Bebe did student teaching in the Monterey area.

She then went on to teach at Del Valle Elementary in La Puente, Long Barn Elementary (Tuolumne County), and retired from Summerville Elementary in Tuolumne, California, after teaching three generations of 2nd and 3rd grade students. During her stay in the Tuolumne area, Beatrice enjoyed spending time "hunting" (shopping) for "treasures" in the shops throughout the Mother Lode and beyond. A special favorite hunting ground was the auction in Riverbank - which led to her opening a storefront in downtown Sonora where she spent time refinishing furniture (mostly chairs) to sell – and creating/carving/whittling wood toys and figures to the delight of many recipients.

After retirement, Bebe moved back to La Puente to help her sister, Ruth, take care of their mother. Beatrice and Ruth were involved with the La Puente Historical Society and were dedicated docents at the Rowland Home in Rowland Heights.

A Memorial Service will be held at La Puente Methodist Church on May 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

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