

Clara Beth Pinnell

Clara Beth Pinnell, 80, passed away Nov. 15, 2010 at her home. She was born March 8, 1930 in Harper Lake, Calif., and lived in the Barstow area for 80 years, the last 37 in Lenwood.

Beth graduated from Barstow Union High School in 1947 and was a life member of the Barstow Riffians. She went to UCLA and graduated with degrees in English and art.

Beth was co-owner of Diamond Pacific Tool Company in Barstow. She had a love of rock collecting, and was a member of the Mojave Desert Gem and Mineral Society, and the Mojave River Valley Museum. Other hobbies of Beth's were writing and photography. Beth wrote the book "The Primrose Cage", a meticulously researched book about life in Harper Lake in the 1930s and 1940s. Surviving Beth are her sister, Betty Duitsman of Barstow; brother, Bill Depue of Lenwood; nieces and nephews, Ira of Barstow, Hazel of Vancouver, Wash., Linda of Barstow, Marcella of Ana Cortes, Wash., John of Hinkley, Alan of Dale, Texas, Tom of Barstow, Don of Hinkley, Steve of Barstow, Jerry of Lenwood; and many grandnieces and nephews.