

Lucille Marie Garmon passed away Feb. 8, 2016, at her home in Benson, Ariz., with her family at her side at the age of 89. Born in Davis County Iowa, Sept. 23, 1926, Lucille was the eldest of three children of Marvin and L. Mildred (Parker) Lanman. Graduating in 1943 from Selma High School in Selma, Iowa, she ventured off to Hugo, Colo., where she became a" Harvey House Girl" and as the war ramped up, she also worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" assembling aircraft parts.

On July 31, 1946, Lucille married the love of her life, Darrell Garmon in Bloomfield, Iowa. They shared 50 years together before his passing in 1996. From 1954-1958 they made their home in Pomerene. Lucille worked at a local cafe known then as Madge's at the east end of Benson and Darrell hauled explosives for Apache Powder Company. They established many close friendships and a connection to the community that lasted a lifetime. In 1958 they moved back to lowa and remained there for 23 years raising their five children. Lucille worked most of those years as a bookkeeper for the Thermogas Company. In 1981 they returned to Benson and Lucille worked 17 years at the medical office of Dr. Pettinger. After that she became her own business entrepreneur wearing many hats that included: bookkeeping services; laundry services; caregiver; personal baker; and personal assistant. She was always willing and eager to help someone out. Lucille is preceded in death by her husband Darrell, her parents Marvin and L. Mildred (Parker) Lanman; and brother-in-law Rex Moore. She is survived by her daughter Patricia (Richard) Fulcher of St. David; son Stephen Garmon of Des Moines, Iowa; son Terry Garmon of Tucson; daughter Karen Garmon of St. David; daughter Sheila (Scott) Perkins of St. David; grandson Lance (Amanda) Fulcher; grandson Trent (Ellen) Fulcher; grandson Michael Garmon; granddaughter Melisa Chambers; granddaughter Stacie (Kyle) Leinen; granddaughter Sharie (Matt) Trachsel; granddaughter Jennifer (Robert) Lopshire; granddaughter Jaime Ellison Holbert; granddaughter Beth (Chris) Hamilton; great grandchildren Camryn and Paige Fulcher; Brady Fulcher; Michael Chambers; Breanna Rhodes; Lincoln Trachsel; Calvin Leinen; Abby Genthe; Jacob Lopshire; and, Amaya and Addison Holbert. Lucille is also survived by her sister Irene Moore and her brother Lloyd (Nancy) Lanman as well as, many nieces and nephews.

Lucille was a member of the Benson Church of Our Savior, a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary Benson 3593 Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Red Hat Society. A memorial service and celebration of Lucille's life was held on Feb. 16, 2016. Memorial donations may be made to the Cochise County Bookmobile or Benson Public Library.