



## Cleone Bolstad Tang

October 1, 1921 - November 13, 2011

Age 90 of Roseville Died on November 13, 2011. Born on October 1, 1921 near Homestead, Montana. Her parents Sivert and Gjertrud Bolstad named her Ethel Cleone Bolstad. She met her husband Gordon Tang at Augsburg College and they were married in St. Paul on December 5, 1942. They had three children Gregory, Barbara and Sheldon. Cleone and Gordon served as Lutheran missionaries in Japan from 1950 to 1968. After returning to the United States Gordon served as pastor at Peace Lutheran in Coon Rapids. They enjoyed cabin life and had cabins in both Nojiri, Japan and Round Lake, MN. At Round Lake they remodeled the existing cabin and built a Norwegian hytte as a guest cabin. They spent a great deal of time there after Gordon retired in 1985. Cleone became very accomplished at Norwegian Rosemaling and taught it to many. Cleone loved the arts, attending hundreds of concerts, singing in many choirs, and she obtained a masters degree in Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging). Cleone went back to college at age 53 and graduated from Augsburg College. Cleone was widowed July 14, 2006. She is survived by her son, Gregory Tang, wife Kerri and their two children and 6 grandchildren; her daughter, Barbara Pucel, husband David, two children and five grandchildren; and her son, Sheldon Tang, wife Ruth and four children. Memorial service 2:30PM (gathering begins at 1:30PM) Friday, November 18 at INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4880 Hodgson Rd, Shoreview. Interment Incarnation Cemetery.



# Tribute Wall

KW

*“ You mother sounds like an amazing and lovely woman. Reading about her helped me to understand where you get your zest for life and the positive energy you posses. I would imagine that you will miss her deeply. Thinking of you in your time of sorrow.  
Kate*

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**kate wisser** - November 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

*“ Today we will say goodbye to Cleone, 90 years such an amazing accomplishment. Cleone was one of the remaining fully Norwegian American descendants. Cleone passed that 100% norsk heritage along to her children by marrying Gordon.*

*Cleone enjoyed her children and her grandchildren beyond measure, I enjoyed seeing them through her eyes. Thank you Cleone for Sheldon and embracing our union. Enjoy Heaven.... see you again.*

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**Ruth Tang** - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SJ

*“ We are so sorry to hear the news of your mom's passing and hold you in our hearts....*

*Stephanie, Nate, Taylor and Connor*

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**Stephanie Josephs** - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

*“ After such a full and interesting life, to now be with the Lord, what a finish!*

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**Dan Bolstad** - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I so enjoyed visiting with Aunt Cleone in Woodland Park in Kalispell MT a few years back.

*She was always a lady and someone I highly regarded. I know she will be missed. She has been so courageous throughout her medical problems. She really helped keep the family in touch through the "Family Letter."*

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**Trudy Lockhart** - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ Sorry to here your Mom died, our hearts feel your sadness.

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**Ray and Kay Yuzna** - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ We all have wonderful memories of Cleon. We spent a wonderful day with Gordie and Cleon some years back when we stayed at Barb's home for the September Thanksgiving. They drove us all around Minneapolis and we got to really enjoy our two on two time with them. She/they will be missed. Our thoughts will be with you on November 18.

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**Duane and Betty Thoreson** - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We have great memories of years ago when Cleone and Gordy stopped by the farm to visit and stay with us. This was during their time off from duties in Japan. It was always a happy time with good conversation, good food and lots of laughter. I think there may even have been some music on occasion. We will cherish those memories.

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**Steve and Elaine Brekke** - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ As a Bolstad family niece, I will especially remember Auntie Cleone as the last of our parents' generation. Auntie was the youngest of the eleven Bolstad children. My mother, Hazel Bolstad Lessor, was second to the youngest and she and Cleone spent significant times together throughout their lives. One remarkable time was Hazel and Bob's 6 week visit to Cleone and Gordon in Japan in the 1960s. Dave and I heartily enjoyed Auntie's stay with us in Bigfork in the summer of 2007, where, standing in for my mother, she took a full inventory of my accomplishments! And, lucky for me, she pronounced my choices as good! If Hazel were writing this, she would add the image of a heart, to show that her sister remained in her heart. So I'll do it for her. Goodbye Little Sister, goodbye Auntie.

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**Roberta Lessor** - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Cousins: Your Mom was an inspiration to many, especially women. I loved her outspoken opinions, her love for life and her inspiration in others to enjoy the arts, no matter what talent level one may possess. I have many fond memories of her, your Dad and you as my cousins. Love and best wishes, Your Cousin Bethe Brekke

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**Bethe Brekke** - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Your Mom was a lovely lady, I remember the hours she spent patiently teaching me to do cable stitch knitting! My sympathy to all of you on her passing. Judy

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**judy and Jerry Klemm** - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM