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Sigrid Kvisle Receives Cultural Award-Sigdal Kommune, 2018



Sigrid Kvisle has been honored by being awarded the cultural prize from the main committee for growth and culture in Sigdal. This prize is awarded every 2 years to someone who is a major cultural contributor in the community. Sigrid is on the main committee who chooses the prizewinner each year so was quite surprised when she realized she was one of the finalists. She removed herself to the hallway during the decision-making process. Having suggested the previous award winners, she now feels that she is in very good company.

Sigrid is currently leading the editorial board in Under Norefjell. She is both the secretary and treasurer of the Sigdal Museum Friends and has helped with the editing of the village books. She has also been active in the

Skredsvig Gallery and has positions with Lauvila's friends and in Bygdekvinnelaget. An accomplishment she is most proud of however is facilitating the installation of the Madonna statue in Trillemarka.

The cultural award is a replica of the sculpture originally made by Nils Aas that was raised in Eggedal in 2004. This sculpture was inspired by the Christian Skredsvig painting, *Idyll*, which he painted in Eggedal in 1888. Sigdal kommune is allowed to have replicas made by Christine Reintz, exclusively for the cultural award. The sculpture was awarded to Sigrid on Bygdedagen at Sigdal Museum August 12th, 2018. Bygdedagen is a day of celebration that includes arts and crafts, foods, a flea market, a classic car and tractor show and various cultural events. Sigrid is very excited to place the sculpture above her fireplace.

(Source: Bygdeposten: May 5, 2018 & August 12, 2018)



***Well done and Congratulations, Sigrid,
from all your friends in Sigdalslag!***



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Fra Presidenten,

We can all be very proud of our lag for putting on the 7 lag stevne, "The Lure of the Land – Dreams and Realities". It was held on July 12 - 15 at the Best Western Plus Conference Center in Willmar, Minnesota. Everyone worked hard to provide a varied and great program. We are very pleased with the evaluations which place responses in the excellent and very good categories throughout. Great job everyone!!

We met our stevne goals of having excellent genealogy opportunities as well as a varied cultural program. I believe that in moving forward Norwegian organizations need to have wonderful and unique programming as well as being friendly "family experiences" where we get to know individuals with similar backgrounds and, frequently, cousins.

The Fellesraad Annual Meeting was held May 4-5 at Mindekirken in Minneapolis. It included workshops for genealogists, organization management, plus lots of networking. Our special guest was Curt Witcher, who has been President of the National Genealogical Society. He enthusiastically presented a great deal of information on successful organization management that can be used by the lags. We look forward to another inspiring session next May.

We encourage everyone to invite others to become Sigdalslag members. This is a real monetary and personal bargain for genealogy help, the opportunity to attend stevner, and to benefit from our newsletters and website. Our membership numbers do well, but we want to continue our positive trend and give others the opportunity to learn about bygdelag activities.

The stevne for 2019 will be held at the Fargo Holiday Inn on July 10-13. The theme is Get "Koselig" with Your Heritage which should be interesting. Koselig is a cozy term that is currently in vogue. Toten lag, under the leadership of President George Olson, is working on a great program! Put it on your calendars now!

Hilsen,

Jean Knaak, Sigdalslag President

7-Lag Stevne 2018

The 7-Lag Stevne was quite an all-consuming task for our lag this year. Strong leadership from president Jean Knaak and enthusiastic help from our members made it a very satisfying event to take part in. Tusen, tusen takk to all who helped from our lag and also to the other lags, who have and will plan and execute these fun get-togethers. I have new appreciation for those who accomplish this labor of love.

My daughters attended their first stevne and really enjoyed the whole experience. It

was fun to see them and Lizzie and Lexi Hanson Roe develop strong friendships and work together so well. These young people were all a huge help. I hope more young people get involved. They bring fresh eyes and ideas to everything and make these treasured lags more vibrant.

For our banquet entertainment we had planned a mock Norwegian wedding. All was going according to plan until our groom, Ethan Bjelland, had an appendicitis attack and ended up in the hospital the day before the banquet. If the wedding seemed a bit of an improv event, it was. With the help of Tess's Chicago improv experience, the script for the night was rewritten as a jilted bride situation and like our ancestors, we soldiered on. Tusen takk to all attendees for bearing with us as we adjusted.

The North Star Nordic Dancers were such an incredible group to work with. During their very long day, they taught dance classes, participated in the bunad parade with Bjerne and June and then performed for us and then encouraged us to dance, all with grace and enthusiasm. They were just great.



2018 Sigdalslag attendees for the Sunday luncheon and meeting at the 7-lag stevne in Willmar, Minnesota.

Back row: Betty Knutson, Earl Knutson, Bruce Thompson, Leslie Gene Demmer, Dale Buisman, Jan Johnson, Rod Pletan, Charlie Johnson, Lowell Torkelson, Ed Harp, John Glesne, Torbjørn Greipsland (guest author), Ruth Christ

Row 3: Michelle Thompson, Marlys Larsen, Audrey Pletan, Donna Kulenkamp, Joyce Johnson, Barb Torkelson, Ginny Blood, Jill Hanson, Sheila Winstead, Jean Borgerding

Row 2: President Jean Knaak, Linda Mohn, Carol Brunner, Judy Sosted, Lila Harp, Karen Olson, Cheryl Nousaine

Front Row: Tess Borgerding, Lizzie Hanson Roe, Sophie Borgerding, Lexi Hanson Roe, Pemberley Wright

Stevner are such fun events for all, to come together and meet new friends and renew old acquaintances. Sheila Winstead, our lag historian, found an article from the Roseau Times Region about the stevne held in Roseau, MN in 1947. She shares the text on pages 6 & 7 and it proves that some things really don't change. Make your plans to attend next year!

Editor, Jean Borgerding





Andrew Brevig, President Jean Knaak and Torbjørn Greipsland, author of "To the Ends of the Earth"



**Roger Hellesvig
An Immigrant's Tale,
Ole Oleson
One of many great presentations.**



Scenes from the Julebord



Toten President, George Olson teaching the youth attendees to write their names in runes.



**The Wedding Party
L to R: Tess Borgerding, Lizzie Hanson Roe, Dale Buisman, Lexi Hanson Roe, Earl Knutson and Betty Knutson**



Scenes from the Julebord



Banquet Bridal Bunad Parade



Tour I Group from the Stevne Bus Tours



Post Banquet Dancing with the North Star Nordic Dancers

Fellesraad Annual Meeting-2018

The Fellesraad Annual Meeting was held on May 3-4 at Mindekirken, 924 E 21st St, Minneapolis. For the last two years there have been special sessions for editors, genealogists, treasurers and general lag business that are extremely useful. We anticipate that there will be special training sessions planned for the next meeting also. New topics will be planned by the board over the coming months.

Curt Witcher, Manager of the Genealogy Center in Ft. Wayne, IN presented on the future of organizations and libraries in the 21st century, and also on using publicity and social media.

All are welcome at the Fellesraad Annual Meeting, so watch for information on the Fellesraad website or in the February newsletter. Their meeting always has great food, very interesting topics and best of all, good Norwegian friends to visit



Fellesraad Board

Front row: Jean Knaak, 4th Director; Marilyn Sorensen, Vice President; Elaine Hasleton, President; Marilyn Somdahl, Past President

Back Row: Gene Rodi, 2nd Director/Webmaster; Robert Torkleson, Treasurer; Don Teigen, 3rd Director



Fellesraad Annual Meeting Attendees, May 3-4, 2018

**Article from 1947
regarding the Sigdalslag Stevne
in Roseau, Minnesota**

*discovered by Historian, Sheila Winstead in the
Roseau Times-Region Archives*

1947 To Roseau's inhabitants and the Sigdalslag First, I must say many thanks for our very pleasant stevne in Roseau 15-17 June. Thanks to the Norwegian mayor and the town's inhabitants for their friendliness and help. To all who took part in the program and not to forget Rev. Ronholm for his very educational speech and pretty song. To those who came a long way from Iowa and Wisconsin and the Norwegian newspapers who have done so much for all the bygdelags. We all ought to support them.

We have an excellent management who do all they can so the lag can continue. And I will say to those who believe that our lag will die out soon, that I think that our next stevne will be better than any other we have had. We must all begin at once to work for our next stevne and also not to be too stingy with money when it is a matter of putting together a good program. We hope that everyone will meet up again next year, and also a lot more who didn't take part this year. It is healthy to come to these stevnes and meet many pleasant and good people. One becomes like young again. It is a failing with many of us, that when one is busy one becomes tense and fretful. The wife was certainly right. I ought to dig myself out and be on the way to the Sigdalslag. So it happened that my good friend, Knut, who has an outstanding restaurant in Mayville, and I started out. He had also gotten the same advice from his better half, that it would do him a lot of good to go out on a trip. Oh my, for the good time we had. Now we can live on good memories for a long time.

When we came home our wives almost didn't know us, because of the smiling and sunshine over everything. Everything was very good. The restaurant had done brilliant business, and when I came home the store was full of customers and the dealings went on. And because of that we certainly can go next year, too.

So to conclude, I will remind all Sigdølers, Eggedølers and Kryllings that they must hurry

and send in their biographies for the Sigdal book, which I will try to get ready for the next meeting. Dear countrymen, help me so we can put together a big and good book. I got a lot of orders for the book at the meeting and also some from Norway.

A. S. Aasand, historian, McHenry, North Dakota



A. S. and Emma Aasand
photo from The Sigdalslag 1914/1920

Another letter, likely from later in 1947:

To the Sigdalslag and other lags
There are people who think that our bygdelag will die out quite soon, because the older members die away and it doesn't look like the younger ones seem to have much interest in this lag. I think that is a faulty conception. It is up to us to put together entertainment that will be suitable for both the older and younger, and that is easily done. The lag will not die out if we go at it in the right manner, but it takes time and work. So it is necessary to have good officers who will work for the good of the lag.

At our last annual meeting in Roseau, Minnesota, we had a very good program in Norwegian and in the evening it was mostly in English. Several plays were put on by youth from Roseau and nearby towns. Very well done. I heard several say that it was the best that they had heard and seen. We can put together much good if we combine efforts. Then there is no danger that the bygdelags will fall away. We have many good talents among us. We had with us one of the best violin players, Dr.

Kvisling's wife. It was a delight to hear her play and sing about Ola. But best was the woman from Eagle Grove, Mari Sexe. She is a very outstanding writer and singer. It is not dull when she is present. The bygdelags will win much by getting Mari along at their lag stevnes. We can be happy to have her with us at our next lag. Then you can be convinced that it will be worthwhile to come, even if it is a long way. I am sending hereby a poem by Mari Sexe, "The Sigdal we left: Eggedal and Krødsherad are also included in that pretty poem. (It still is too bad that she is not an Eggedøling.) I think that Elbow Lake will be a good place for our lag next year. According to what our secretary, Mr. Jacobson, says, we have gotten an invitation from there. Good people remember our meeting. You will find out that it is worth the little time and expense to come to these lags. One becomes like young again and can live long on light memories. Often one becomes weepy and contrary when one has it so busy at home all the time. Then it is about what to do to come out and meet so many nice people. There will be good plays and many other strange things.

"Fanten og Kjaeringen" have promised to be there along with several who have just come from Norway. To conclude, I will again ask you to send in your biographies or other old things of interest for the Sigdalsbook.



Anton and Emma Aasand with children,

Richard, Marilyn and Charles
photo from *The Sigdalslag 1949*

With greetings, A. S. Aasand, Historian, McHenry, North Dakota

A. S. Aasand, Manfred, North Dakota, was born on the Aasand farm in Eggedal, the son of Stener Stenersen and Anna Pedersdatter, nee Frovold. He was confirmed by the well known minister Anders Hovden. He worked as a merchant there for a few years until he emigrated to America in 1908. He then took a homestead and bought some land besides. He farmed for two years. Then he began

as a salesman in his brother's hardware and furniture business. When his brother wanted to take a trip to Norway, he bought the business. Since then he has bought a general merchandise store. He now runs two stores in the same town. In 1919 he married Emma Alotte Opsahl, born at Northwood, North Dakota.

from The Sigdalslag 1914/1920

Replica of the Oseberg Wagon to be built by Sigdalslag member Don Rorvig and Roger Hanson of Stoughton, WI

The original wagon was made between 800-820 AD and used until it was buried with the Oseberg Viking Ship. A replica has been made by Bjarte Aarseth, conservator of the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo Norway where it is currently stored. Don and Roger have plans to create one for use in America. The project will take approximately 2-3 years, much of it intricately detailed carving. They are looking for people or groups to invest in this project as the cost of the wagon itself is estimated to be around \$10,000. Other miscellaneous costs such as shop space, heating, trailer, etc... will bring the costs to the \$20-25,000 range. Its portability upon completion will make it a great addition for many Norwegian themed events such as parades, reunions and stevner, with those who have contributed to the fund having first consideration in its use. The original Oseberg Wagon is 1200 years old so with proper maintenance your donation could be very long lasting! If you or your group would like to contribute to this exciting project, contact Don Rorvig at ragnar8@mailbag.com For more information on this fascinating discovery go to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oseberg_Ship or google "Oseberg Ship" to find various sites.



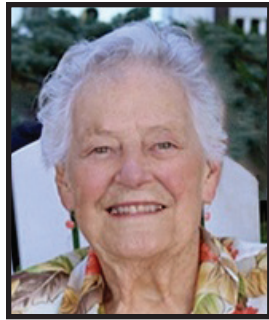
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Replica in Oslo

IN MEMORY...

Shirley Augustine 1930-2018



Augustine, Shirley Enger Age 88, died peacefully in her sleep on September 8, after a long and meaningful life. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Rev. Doug Augustine and their infant son Paul. Her unwavering love and support will be greatly missed by her family and friends: son, Scott (Sue) Augustine and daughter, Cindy (Mike) Gilbertson; grandchildren, Ryan (Kamie), Brent (Molly), Garrett Augustine, Jessica (fiancé Andrew) Gilbertson, Sarah (Jake) Johnson; great-grandchildren, Reese, Paige, Maddie, Carter, and Calvin Augustine. Born in St James, MN in 1930, her family moved to St Paul where she attended Harding High School, college at Gustavus and nursing school at Bethesda. After marrying Doug and moving to St. Hilaire, MN, they both fulfilled their childhood dreams to serve as missionaries with the Lutheran Church in Tanzania from 1959-1965, where her nursing skills were invaluable. In a remote region near Singida they raised their young son, Scott and a year later, their daughter Cindy was born. Returning to the States, Shirley continued working as a nurse and was always involved in the church community as they moved to Monticello and finally Sandstone, MN while Doug served as a pastor in local Lutheran parishes. For the past 4 years she has enjoyed living at Lake Minnetonka Shores/Presbyterian Homes in Spring Park, with her many new friends, near her children and grandchildren. To know Shirley was a blessing. She had a warm, kind and cozy nature. Her strong faith revealed itself in calm contentment. She traveled the world with multiple trips to Africa, Norway and many other countries and remembered it all in amazing detail. She had broad life experiences but loved the simple things like long conversations, a shared meal, Christmas and everything Norwegian. She always had an open door with treats for family and friends. We will be forever grateful for her love, en-

couragement, support and the strong Christian example that she lived every day. In her later years, instead of saying goodbye, she liked to say, "Until we meet again" A Celebration of Life service will be held on Thursday (9/13) at 3 PM with a reception to follow at Dell Grove Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 16726 Grindstone Lake Rd, Sandstone, MN 55072. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorials preferred to Operation Smile or the American Heart Association.

Shirley was a descendant of emigrants Peder Ellingsen Enger & Åse Ellevsdatter Enger, Elling Pedersen Enger.

John Glesne 1927-2018



John O. Glesne, age 90, of Decorah, IA, died Saturday morning, June 16, 2018 at Aase Haugen Senior Services in Decorah.

John Oscar Glesne was born on December 3, 1927 on the family farm at St. Olaf, Iowa to Oscar and Josephine (Lee) Glesne. He was baptized and confirmed at Norway Lutheran Church, St. Olaf. He attended the Glesne School for the elementary grades and graduated from Elkader High School with the class of 1945. He attended the University of Iowa for one semester. John enlisted in the U.S. Navy January 1946 and was discharged December 1947. While in the U.S. Navy and stationed on Saipan, John played baseball. He completed his college studies at Luther College graduating in 1951. At Luther, John was a catcher on the baseball team. On July 14, 1950, John was united in marriage to Ann Stokke at Glenwood Lutheran Church. They eloped! John was a Social Studies/History teacher and coach in Glenwood, Minnesota for two years, where he also played Summer League Baseball. For ten years he was a teacher/coach in Harmony, Minnesota. John then sold insurance in Decorah for Lutheran Brotherhood, Horace Mann and American Family. He retired from American

Family in 1990. After retirement he worked for the NE Iowa Agency on Aging delivering congregate meals. He enjoyed playing golf and following the St. Louis Cardinals. John made the best pies and was an expert at making Lefse. He was interviewed and appeared in the book- The Last Word on Lefse by Gary Legwold. John was a member of First Lutheran Church, a past member of Silvercrest Golf & Country Club, and a volunteer at the Decorah Public Library.

John is survived by his wife, Ann and his four daughters: Susan (Mark) Nielsen of Sioux City, Iowa, Paula Glesne (Bruce Smith) of Bend, OR, Kristin (Ed) Stracke of St. Cloud, MN and Mary (Randy) Brauns of Coralville, Iowa. Grandchildren: Nina (Erik) Bockholdt, Ingrid (Jon) vanAnrooy, Erin Glesne Smith (Lisette Tamkei), Caleb (Angie) Stracke, Jordan (Katie) Stracke, Maria Stracke (Alex Wermer-Colan), Emma Stracke, and Christian, Even and Rhys Brauns. Great Grandchildren: Thijs and Finn vanAnrooy, Grace and Benjamin Bockholdt, Graham and Bria Stracke and Benjamin and Keillor Stracke. John is also survived by one niece and two nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his brother and wife, E. Lee and Mary Ann Glesne, and nephew John Glesne.

Fjelstul Funeral Home, Decorah IA

John was a descendant of emigrants Reiulf Evensen Glesne and Åse Larsdatter Støvern.

Ambrose Gronseth 1918-2018



Ambrose passed away at CHI-St. Francis Health Hospital in Breckenridge, MN on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at age 99 years and 9 months. The visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018 at First Lutheran Church in Britton, SD with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. The visitation will resume at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at First Lutheran Church of Britton, SD and will be followed immediately by the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Terrill Sorensen officiating. The interment will be in the

Trondhjem Cemetery in rural Veblen. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Joseph Vertin and Sons Funeral Home in Breckenridge. Ambrose Charles Gronseth was born on the family farm in rural Pleasant Valley on August 12, 1918, in the original farmhouse, to Ole A. and Elsie (Syver-son) Gronseth. In October 1918, the family moved into the newly built farm home which remains in the family today. Ambrose lived on the same farm for 92 years until the year 2010.

He attended grade school at Pleasant Valley #3 and graduated from Britton High School in the class of 1936. During his adolescence, he assisted his father on the farm raising livestock and crops. In the fall of 1936, he enrolled in the Minneapolis College of Business for the class year. He then returned to Britton and began farming with his father Ole and his grandfather Andrew G. Gronseth. In his younger years he enjoyed bowling, pheasant hunting and traveling around the United States. In 1951, he met the love of his life, Eleanore Sever-son. Many social trips were taken to Watertown, where Eleanore was a special needs teacher with the Watertown Public School System. They were married in June of 1952 – the first wedding in the “new” First Lutheran Church building. After a two-week honeymoon to Yellowstone and Salt Lake City they returned to the farm to begin a new life together.

Farming allowed him to continue providing for his growing family while he pursued his interest in business and management, much like his great-grandfather. In the late 1960s, for health reasons, he retired from farming and became an insurance agent for South Dakota AAA based out of Sioux Falls. He represented Day, Marshall and Roberts Counties for approximately 15 years making many new friends and acquaintances and establishing a successful insurance portfolio and travel/auto policies. During this time and in succeeding years, he and Eleanore continued to live on the farm, maintaining and improving the buildings, trees, and land. They also raised large gardens each year and would often share the fruits of their labors with family and friends. As a couple, Ambrose and Eleanore were very involved in community and social events including the Marshall County Historical Society, Senior Citizens, Sons of

Norway, First Lutheran Church, as well as playing cards with many local friends. They also found time to be very involved with their four sons' lives and as a result became an integral and cherished part of their eight grandchildren's lives. Many road trips were made to Michigan, Minnesota and Mitchell, SD for babysitting and church/school events. Ambrose was an excellent role model for his four sons teaching them early in life the importance of optimism, faith, hard work, respect for the land, sharing of your time and talents, and gratitude to family and friends.

Following the death of his wife, Eleanore in 2010, Ambrose chose to leave the farm and go live with his son, Tim, in Northfield, MN. Following Tim's retirement in 2015, Ambrose relocated to Twin Town Villa in Breckenridge, Minnesota to be closer to his son, Mark. In May 2017, Ambrose moved to the long-term care facility at the Breckenridge Hospital. At each of his new homes, Ambrose made new friends quickly and enjoyed playing cards and other social activities.

Ambrose is survived by his four sons and families – Mark and Colleen of Breckenridge, MN; Timothy of Britton and Young America, MN; Dwight and Michele of Oronoco, MN; and Wayne and Barb of Mitchell, SD. Grandchildren Alex(Jessica); Aaron (Sarah); Kevin(fiancé Jennifer); Brandon(Danielle); Collin (Whitney); Nicholas(Jessica); Nathaniel(Arlison) & Sara Carrico. Great grandchildren: Harrison Gronseth; Michaela Gronseth; Allysbeth Gronseth; Brooklyn Gronseth; Madison and Bryson Fleury; Lily Gronseth.

Ambrose was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Eleanore; his sisters, Eunice (Mirl) Foster and Sylvia (Craig) Hertsgaard; and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Herbert and Corinne Severson. Obituary from Joseph Vertin and Sons Funeral Home in Breckenridge.

Ambrose was a descendant of emigrants Anders Gulbrandsen Grønseth & Sigrid Olsdatter Vatnaas.

Rob Hiaasen 1959-2018



On June 28, 2018, Rob Hiaasen was one of five employees killed in a mass shooting at the offices of The Capital Gazette, a newspaper serving Annapolis, Maryland. For Rob's full obituary go to: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/bs-md-rob-hiaasen-20180628-story.html>

Rob is a descendant of emigrants Knud Olsen Hiaasen & Mari Gundersdatter Flaagan, Gunder Olsen Flaagan & Ragne Jonsdatter Trøstheim

Carolyn Nelson 1945-2018



Carolyn M. Nelson, 72, of Rochester, MN, died June 3, 2018, at Seasons Hospice House following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, on December 23, 1945 to Roy and Mildred (Helleckson) Evavold. She grew up on her parents' farm south of Fergus Falls, attended country school District #64 through the eighth grade and graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1963. Carolyn went on to attend Bethesda Lutheran Hospital School of Radiologic Technology in St. Paul, graduating in June 1965. On September 10, 1966, she was united in marriage to Ronald Nelson at Rock Prairie Lutheran Church in rural Elbow Lake, Minnesota. They lived in St. Cloud and also the Twin Cities until 1975, when they began farming near Elbow Lake. Carolyn worked part-time as a radiologic technologist and medical transcriptionist at the hospital in Elbow Lake for 19 years while assisting her husband with the farming operation. She later worked at Prairie Medical in Morris and at Lake Region Hospital in Fergus Falls. In 2003, they moved to Rochester, where Carolyn was employed by Mayo Medical Center as a medical transcriptionist until retiring in 2015.

During the time they lived in the Elbow Lake area,



Have you received your Stevne Digital Cookbook? If not, contact President Jean Knaak at knaak002@gmail.com or Jean Borgerding at jlborgerding@msn.com and we will email you a copy.

Carolyn was active in the Sunday School and Ladies Group at Bethlehem/WEL Church. They were more recently members of Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester.

Carolyn enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. In her younger years she loved music and dancing, and more recently she enjoyed working on photo albums. She especially loved being with her grandchildren and attending their sporting events and school activities.

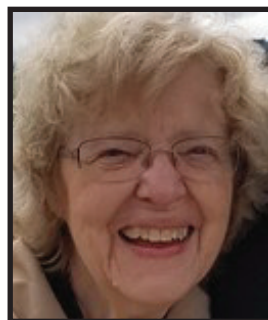
Survivors include her husband, Ronald of Rochester; daughters, Jill (Troy) Gibson of Byron, MN, and Angela (Cullen) Anderson of rural Lowry, MN; five grandchildren, Benjamin, Zachary, and Joshua Gibson all of Byron; Tate and Tavin Anderson of rural Lowry; brother, Gaylan Evavold of rural Elbow Lake; two sisters, Donna Sonmor of Fergus Falls and Audrey (Rodney) Pletan of Forest Lake, MN; sisters-in-law, Beverly Evavold of Fergus Falls and Kay Nelson of Coon Rapids; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, Roger Evavold; and sister-in-law, Mary Evavold.

Arrangements by Erickson-Smith Funeral Home of Elbow Lake

Carolyn is a descendant of emigrants Ellev Hellesken Berget & Sigrid Engebretsdatter Bjørnerud, Ellef Engebretsen Risbrudt, Knud Jonsen Skorta & Astrid Torkildsdatter Tales

Rosalie Olson
1932-2017



Rosalie E. Olson December 7, 1932 - June 6, 2017 Vancouver, Washington A longtime resident of San Diego, Rosalie Olson died peacefully surrounded by family in Vancouver, WA. Born in Sunburg, MN, as the first of three daughters to Edwin and Clara Negaard, Rosalie's first language was Norwegian. She attended business schools in Minnesota and Colorado. Notable employment was at the Rohr Aircraft Corporation, Chula Vista, CA, and Christ Lutheran Church, La Mesa, CA. Rosalie married Donald Olson in 1955, and the couple had three

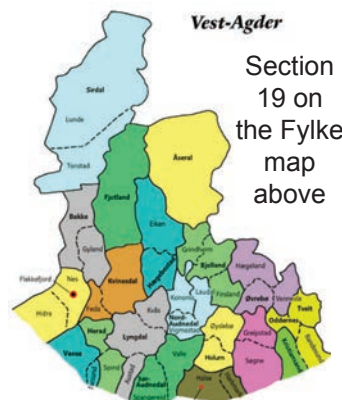
children, Erik, Leif, and Marit. The family moved extensively during Don's US Navy career. In San Diego, Rosalie was active in several churches and Bible study groups, as well as the Sons of Norway "Valhall Lodge." She mastered the Scandinavian painting method of rosemaling, and enjoyed playing piano. Rosalie's kindness, gentleness and love for the Lord and others was evident to virtually all who knew her. Rosalie's husband died in San Diego in 2012 after 57 years of marriage. She is survived by her sisters, Beverly Lundeen and Jean Shogren, her three children, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. Rosalie's memorial service will be held 2 PM, Saturday, July 1 at Christ Lutheran Church, La Mesa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to International Justice Mission.

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Rosalie is a descendant of emigrants Anders Helgesen Skare & Viel Kristoffersdatter Lesteberg, Kristoffer Narvesen Lesteberg & Barbro Ellingsdatter Stubberud.

Formation of Agder Lag

The committee to form the Agder Lag met at the Solør/Romerike Stevne in Fergus Falls this August. An organizing committee has been formed and some tasks assigned with the plan to have a stevne next year. Contact Jerry Ugland, Chair of the organizing committee, at jersstop@yahoo.com or watch the Fellesraad website if you would like to help get this new lag up and running.



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