



# Magnhild Dokka Hegland

Born July 12, 1918    Died April 15, 2005

Magnhild, known as Hildy, was born in Eydehavn, Norway. She died in Bismarck, ND. She was the daughter of Sigrid and Olaf Dokka. She was married to Thoralf, Tor, Hegland. They had three children.

In her early years in Norway she was a pediatric nurse. During the Nazi occupation in World War II, she and Tor helped in the underground movement there. Jews and others were hidden in church basements until they could safely leave the country, usually by boat. Food and other essentials were provided by volunteers. Because her husband was a captain in the Norwegian Army, the five years of the war was filled with struggle.

In 1949, the family left Norway on Stavangerfjord and 11 days later they sailed into New York Harbour. Magnhild was seasick the whole voyage.

She lived in several places in Mass., Minn., and Wis., before moving to ND in 1966.

Magnhild belonged to Sons of Norway, The Bismarck Art and Galleries Assoc., PEN Women, and the Westerners. She and Tor along with another couple started the Lutefisk Dinners at Trinity Lutheran Church. They now serve over 1000 lutefisk and meatball dinners every Jan. She volunteered at a Bismarck hospital for over 25 years.

Her landscape paintings of mountains, fjords, and the people of Norway have been displayed at the Governor's Mansion, The Capitol, and many others.

She was preceded in death by her son Tor-Olav in 1965, and her husband in 1983.

She is survived by her daughter, Else and son-in-law, Tom Routhieux, her son, Roy Hegland and daughter-in-law Loralyn, Grandchildren, Karen Mines, Sommer Hegland, Jonathan Hegland, and Jamie Hegland.

While visiting Tom, Else and Karen at Lake Louise, she made many friends on Pioneer Trail. The lake reminded her on Norway. She is very much missed by her family and friends.