



## Hazel Palma Tandberg

March 15, 1923 - August 17, 2015

HAZEL PALMA TANDBERG March 15, 1923 ~ August 17, 2015 Hazel Palma Tandberg, age 92, died August 17, 2015 in Vancouver, Washington. Hazel was born at home during a blizzard on March 15, 1923 in Columbus, North Dakota to Peter S. and Tonette Haarstad. Although she was raised during the Great Depression, and had to drop out of school after the eighth grade, she was a self-educated lifelong learner and avid reader. She married Carl Erling Tandberg on February 20th, 1942 and for 50 years they were nearly inseparable until Erling's death in 1992. Erling and Hazel were foster parents of more than 30 children over the years. They were also devoted Christians who were instrumental in helping to start and build several churches in the Vancouver area including Glad Tidings, Evergreen Christian Center, and Bethel Assembly. As the daughter of rugged pioneer homesteaders, she was proud of her Norwegian heritage and spoke Norwegian fluently; for many years, she was a member of the Vancouver Sons of Norway lodge. She enjoyed family gatherings, cooking, sewing, and reminiscing. Her family and friends will always remember her as a loving and caring person. Hazel is survived by her sons, Floyd Walseth (Helen), Ed (Karren), Arne (Cheri); daughters, Karla Swenson (Steve), Brenda Heward (Roger); and daughter-in-law, Janie Tandberg. She was preceded in death by her husband, Erling; and son, Joseph. A memorial is scheduled for Saturday, August 22 at 1 PM, at Heritage Church, 417 NE 65th Street, Vancouver, Washington with James Davenport officiating. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Hazel's life. The

family would like to thank her Kaiser Hospice team for their care and support. Donations can be made to: Porter Family foundation- El Salvador c/o Calvary Chapel, 605 Main St., #4748, Vancouver, WA 98660. Please sign her guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

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