

Juliet Olson Roe  
Tree Dedication  
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Tribute by Shirley Grondahl



Julie Roe was the youngest of four children born to Tollef (Tom) and Julia Kvistero near Madison, Minnesota. Madison is a very Scandinavian community. Her father's parents immigrated from Sogn, Norway and her mother's parents from Nord Trøndelag. Her parents taught Julie and her siblings about Norwegian tradition and food which is one of the things she has tried to instill in her children.

Julie was baptized and confirmed at a rural Lutheran church. Their family lived on two different farms until her father purchased the Olson homestead. It was home for them. Her mother passed away two years later. It was a difficult time and hard work for all of the family.

Julie attended rural school through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and graduated from Madison High School. She attended St. Cloud State University for two years. The following summer she and her friend Joan worked at Yellowstone National Park. It is still one of her favorite places to visit. After Yellowstone she moved to Minneapolis to find work. Her sister Mavis was also working there, while their two brothers served in the military; Jennings in the National Guard and Lester in the Merchant Marines.

Through a friend she met her husband to be, Richard Roe. They were married April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1956 in Minneapolis. It was a cool windy day and many friends and relatives came to wish them the best. They lived in Minneapolis until 1963 when they moved with their three children to Bismarck. Tom, our youngest was two months old and not happy traveling those 450 miles. Sue was three and Steve was five.

Her husband Dick was born and raised in Fairmount, Minnesota. Their family spent many holidays traveling to see her father and brothers on the family farm and then on to Fairmont to visit Dick's family. Dick worked for Globe, Inc. as branch manager for 38 years. He died on October 28, 1995 of ALS. They had almost 40 years together. Their children grew up during those years and all graduated from Bismarck High School. All three of their children are still residing in the Bismarck area.

Julie has often been asked what keeps her busy. She has done genealogy on both sides of their family. This was done with the assistance from other members of her family. They have put together a large directory which includes their families in Norway. Julie and her daughter Sue have made two trips to Norway to meet some of their relatives. They also have traveled on several cruises and enjoyed seeing other parts of the world. She still plays Bridge in two marathons and with a Bridge group that has been together some 50 years. She is active at Trinity Lutheran Church with Bible study and Circle. She is also organizing a picture album of their family for each of their three children.

Julie has enjoyed being a part of Sons of Norway. She likes the interaction of working with others as a social and cultural director and as a Sunshine person. She enjoys meeting new people and Sons of Norway has given her that opportunity.

Congratulations Julie on being honored with a tree in the Sons of Norway Park.