



Velma Wandling Cline

September 28, 1920 - November 25, 2011

Velma Wandling Cline, 91, formerly of Statesville, died Friday November 25, 2011 at The Laurels of Salisbury.

She was born September 28, 1920, the oldest of three daughters of Frank Joseph Wandling and Antonia Frances Kierbach. She lived in Wood River, Illinois until moving to Santa Fe, New Mexico at the age of six. After graduating from Santa Fe High School in 1938, she moved to Los Angeles, where she attended Woodbury College until joining the U.S. Navy as a WAVE during World War II. Following her military discharge, she married Robert P. (Bob) Cline and moved to Statesville.

Mrs. Cline worked with her husband and other family members in their various businesses until joining the law firm of Land, Sowers and Avery (now Crosswhite, Crosswhite, Ashley, Johnson and Allen) in 1956, where she remained 45 years until retiring in 2001 and moved to Salisbury to reside with her son and daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Cline was a long time member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Statesville and in May 1963, became the first woman ever elected to the Statesville City Council.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters and one half-

sister. Surviving are her son, Mike Cline (wife Julie) of Salisbury, two grandchildren, Matthew Cline (wife Priscilla) of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine and Casey Cline of New York City, three great-grandchildren, Owen, Sophia and Oliver Cline of Dover-Foxcroft, Main one Half-brother, George P. Bowker, Jr. of Sante Fe, New Mexico, and one nephew, Harold Bittner of Venice, Florida.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, November 30 at 3:00 PM at the Oakwood Cemetery in Statesville. The family will see friends following the interment. Summersett Funeral Home is handling services.

Online condolences can be made a www.summersettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Mike,
I'm sorry for your loss. I remember the many hours I spent with your family as a child. Your Mom was always a kind person. I wish the best for you and your family.
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