

TANG, Bessie (nee Hope) It is with great sadness, we announce the passing of Bessie on October 17, 2005 at the Royal Jubilee Hospital after a brief illness. Bessie was born in Victoria on February 29, 1920 to Charley and Wong Sue Hope, who operated a tailor shop in Victoria for many years. Bessie is survived by her loving husband, Jack of 64 years; brothers, Ying (Audrey) and Mun (Adeline); brother-in-law, Harry Tang (Carol); sister-in-law, Beatrice Tang, Jennie Lee and Ethel Lee-Ott (Edward) of Toronto. Predeceased by her brothers, Joseph, Mon, Wing, Jung, Hing; brother-in-law, Kee Dong and sister-in-law, Leona Mah. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and a great-great nephew and nieces and her godson, Colin Joe (Donna) and their son, Andrew. Bessie and Jack operated Tang's Pagoda clothing store for 49 years. She was an accomplished actress and dancer and was named the best actress at the International Drama Festival in 1936 for her role in the play "Romance of the Willow Pattern". She choreographed and performed in many shows at the annual Victoria Chinatown Lions Lantern Festival and supported her husband in many other Lions activities. In recognition of her many years of community work, Bessie was made an honorary citizen of Victoria on June 26, 1986. Bessie will be sadly missed by all her relatives and close friends. She touched the lives of so many who will always remember her warm smile, laughter and very positive attitude.