

Sulphur woman celebrates 100th birthday



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SULPHUR, LA (KPLC) - Every year, Sulphur's Evalise Rentrop takes a ride on a motor trike to celebrate her birthday.

But on Thursday, as she celebrated her 100th birthday, she realized this ride was a little more special.

"He took me around places around Sulphur I hadn't seen in 20 years ... it's true," said Evalise.

The special milestone was even marked with a piece of mail from one of the most famous addresses in the nation: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

"That's a card from the President ... because I'm a special person," she said.

In the 100 years she's lived on this Earth, the most memorable thing is: "I still say it's having my children. I love my children," she said.

Her four children range from ages from 71 to 80. All are still alive, and three of them were at Thursday's party, saying that mom reaching the 100-year milestone means more to them than words could express.

"She was a single mom and had to hold down several jobs to keep her kids together, and she did it, and I'm so proud of her," said Flo Sanders, Evalise's youngest daughter.

"We're extremely blessed that she's still around and still with us," said Donald Guidry, Evalise's youngest son. "And in the mental capacity she has ... she's pretty sharp."

Evalise said the key to her longevity has been rooted in a firm belief in God.

"My secret?" Evalise asked. "Praise the Lord when you wake up in the morning."

It's that belief she said that will see her through to reaching her goal.

"My goal is 110," Evalise said.

Evalise was awarded a key to the city by Sulphur Mayor Chris Duncan.

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