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Nellie Hass Carswell is all smiles as she celebrates her birthday. Carswell turns 100 years old today.

# Celebrating a Century

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Perhaps the secret to a long life is simply loving people or so it seems that is the case when it comes to Nellie Hass Carswell who turned 100 today.

"I just enjoy people and life," Carswell said. "I've been happy the biggest part of my life."

Both of Carswell's daughters, Sylvia Bogle of Belmont and Doris Mebane of Buford, Georgia remember their mother staying up late at night to sew new outfits for Easter, other holidays and proms. Bogle also remembers that her mother would embroider their dresses by hand.

"We are so proud of her," said Carswell's son Donald of Huntsville,

Alabama. "She's been the greatest inspiration in all of our lives. We were so fortunate."

"She was the kind of mother you wish everyone could have had," Mebane said. "She was always there, always supportive and you could talk to her about everything."

If you question Carswell about her longevity, in addition to her love of people, she will tell you about all the fried chicken she used to cook, the green beans, cornbread and milk. As well as "a positive attitude and a lot of faith in God."

Carswell was still driving a car when she was 92 but when she had a fender bender with a state highway patrolman

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Nellie Hass Carswell turned 100 today at the Wexford House in Denver.

she decided that she better give up her car.

"She made biscuits with every meal," Bogle remembered. Her husband Ken always teased her by telling her that he only married her for her mother's fried chicken.

With her incredible sense of humor and a smile on her face, Carswell is a favorite at the Wexford House in Denver.

Mebane recalls an inci-

dent at the Wexford House where Carswell fell asleep in the sun and when employees tried to wake her and she was unresponsive they called 911. Carswell woke up in the ambulance. When she got to the hospital and the doctor asked what happened, Carswell cheerfully informed him "I was trying to take a nap and they wouldn't let me."

Carswell was born in

Catawba County on Nov. 13, 1915 and grew up in the Startown area with her parents and four siblings apparently "never getting in to trouble because she was a good little girl."

At the age of 18 she married Willard Carswell who passed away in November of 2011 at the age of 86. Carswell never remarried. During their marriage, they had three children who had six grandchildren who have added 11 great grandchildren who have

contributed three great, great grandchildren.

There will be a reception in Carswell's honor on Sunday, Nov. 15 from 2-5 p.m. at the Wexford House, 3900 Wexford Lane, Denver, NC. Kindly R.S.V.P. (770) 271-8144 (Mebane) or (704) 825-5280 (Bogle). The event is hosted with love, admiration, respect and grateful appreciation by her children and grandchildren. Only the gift of your presence is required.



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L-R Front Row: Lilly Kelly (great, great granddaughter), Nellie Carswell, Doris Mebane (daughter)

L-R Rear Row: Bret Kelly (great grandson) and Donna Kelly (granddaughter)