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Merle and Cecil Odom

## Odoms celebrate 65th anniversary

NEWTON GROVE — When it comes to living happily ever after, Merle and Cecil Odom have what it takes. The couple recently celebrated 65 years of marriage together. Merle Odom is a resident of Rolling Ridge, a DePaul Senior Living Community. Her husband Cecil visits every day.

Merle and Cecil Odom knew one another while attending high school in Faison, but it wasn't until they saw each other while attending college, on a street in Raleigh, that the two began dating. After four years, the couple was married by a Methodist minister with Cecil's

brother and his wife serving as witnesses.

The Odoms have two children, Angel and Keith. Mrs. Odom was a stay-at-home mother and wife while Mr. Odom was the business manager at the Sampson County Farm Bureau in Clinton.

When asked what their secret to a long and happy marriage is, they both stated that "their faith in God helped them through the tough times," according to Rolling Ridge administrator Laura Anderson. Their daughter Angel said the couple has always been very devoted to one another.