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Surry Scene

Riggs is 102 and counting

Staff report

If she could change one thing, Annie Riggs would have learned to drive. A Mount Airy native, Riggs celebrated her 102nd birthday on Sept. 30. The resident of Twelve Oaks, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Mount Airy, Annie Riggs said her secret to longevity is to “live by the Lord!” Her advice to younger generations is to do the right thing, be kind and help others.

“I wouldn’t change how or when I grew up for anything,” said Riggs. “It may have been harder, but I feel blessed to have had that opportunity.

Riggs worked at Spencer Textiles. She married Roy Riggs in 1940. The couple had one daughter, Carol Anne, who passed away at birth and were married 56 years before Roy passed away in 1996.

Riggs was honored with a proclamation from the Mount Airy mayor’s office on her 100th birthday. Her hobbies include knitting, crocheting, sewing and embroidery. She received gifts, cards and a bouquet of flowers as part of her 102nd birthday celebration.



Annie Riggs celebrates her 102nd birthday.

Submitted photos



Annie Riggs at 18



Annie Riggs with her husband of 56 years, Roy Riggs, before he passed away in 1996.