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Pee Dee Gardens resident celebrates 100th birthday

Mindfulness, family and faith have helped Ms. Evande O'Neal arrive upon the celebration of her 100th birthday! Born January 20, 1917 in Olanta, Evande has lived at Pee Dee Gardens, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Florence, since 2014.

"I wondered if I'd make it to 100," she said, "but I never expected anything but to live one day at a time."

A mother of four, two of whom have passed away, O'Neal spent 25 years working at a mill in Darlington and for 15 years at her son's restaurant in Olanta.

"I have always loved to work, ever since I can remember," she said. "I also love to garden, especially flowers."

Her husband of 25 years, J.W. O'Neal, is deceased. She has seven grandchildren and 13 great-grand-



Evande O'Neal celebrated her 100th birthday with her son, Edward, above, and her family and friends at Pee Dee Gardens.

children. O'Neal celebrated her milestone birthday with friends and family on Friday, Jan. 20. Her secret to living so long, she said, is her faith.

"Put your hands in the right person, God," she said.

"I have trusted the Lord with whatever changes I had to make."

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