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Nolie Boyles marks 100 years

Taking life a day at a time is the secret to centenarian Nolie Boyles' longevity.

"I never had much spare time to do things for myself," she said. "There was always work that needed to be done."

A native of Surry County, Nolie was born in Pilot Mountain on Sept. 21, 1917, where she and her five brothers and two sisters learned the meaning of hard work being raised on a farm. After finishing high school, she married a tobacco farmer, Durward, and together they raised two sons and two daughters. Although she would have loved the opportunity to go to college, Nolie said she has no regrets.

"I have worked hard all my life farming and I would never change any of it," she said.

A resident of Twelve Oaks, a DePaul Senior Living Community, since 2015, she said "I call this home because I like it here and it's my home away from home."

A lover of the outdoors, Nolie said she never set her sights on living to 100 years of age.



Nolie Boyles enjoyed her 100th birthday at 12 Oaks.

"I never thought about it," she said. "I just live day by day."

She celebrated her milestone birthday with a party with friends, family and fellow Twelve Oaks resident



Submitted photo

Nolie Boyles is seen here in her younger days.

Annie Riggs who recently turned 103-years-old.

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