

2018 Community Calendar

A large, spreading tree with a thick trunk and dense foliage stands on a small hill. The background is a sunset sky with soft orange and blue tones, and rolling hills in the distance.

The March Family Presents

Sensational Centenarians

*"With long life I will satisfy him and let
him see my salvation."*

Psalm 91:16

"The More You Know About the Past, the Better Prepared You are for the Future."

- Theodore Roosevelt



The Sensational Centenarians featured in this calendar witnessed and experienced monumental events, that span, in some cases, over 100 years. Overwhelmingly, their advice and recall of those years stem from joy, wisdom, and a perspective that can be a lesson and a legacy. They make it easy to see why Tom Brokaw coined them, "The Greatest Generation."

"Work hard now, so you don't have to work harder later" is solid advice, William C. March ingrained in his children. His words were meant for encouragement, as his children and grandchildren chartered their paths, but in essence, it became his testimony.

William, the son of a Pastor, grew up in the projects of Baltimore, Maryland. As a young boy, he sold newspapers, using the money he earned to give his older sister, Thelma, bus fare to Coppin's Teachers College. She would be the first in the family, with an advanced education. Tragically, Thelma died in a house fire. Young William realized that his family would have to reroute their dreams. On that day, William wrote in his bible that he would forever dedicate his life to making Thelma proud.

sign announcing that the William C. March Funeral Home was open for business. In the first year, the funeral home conducted a total of two funerals. The following year there were four. William continued to work nights at the post office while he, and Roberta, built their funeral business during the day. He retired from government service after more than 30 years, and with his business mind and her compassionate heart they established the beginning of what would become the March Legacy.

Their children would expand the business beyond Baltimore. First, they would open another March Funeral Home in Richmond VA. It would grow under the care of the second generation's, Cynthia March-Malloy. In 2010, they acquired Marshall's Funeral Home, a premier funeral service that served the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area for more than 43 years. With this expansion, those funeral homes were renamed to show the strength of the legacies on which they stand, Marshall-March Funeral Homes.

Growing up, Harold Marshall was raised by his older sister whom he idolized. She and her husband worked in the funeral industry. Mr. Marshall knew from a young age that he wanted to follow in their footsteps. He worked several other

He met his fair share of obstacles, working to fulfill that childhood promise. In order to feed his family, William had to leave high school and work. Education was a privilege during a time when money was scarce. He ultimately attended night school to receive his diploma before being drafted into WWII. Before going to war, he married his childhood sweetheart, Julia Roberta Hayes. One of the first troops to storm the beaches of Normandy, William was fortunate to survive the war. Ironically, while on the battlefield, he received his calling. If William made it home, he would open a funeral home.



He used his GI Bill to attend The American Academy of Mortuary Science in New York, while Roberta raised their first child in Baltimore. In New York, William lived with his aunt, eating little but candy bars and sleeping under her dining room table. Upon graduation, William came home and worked for several funeral homes for little or no pay and night shift for the U.S. Postal Service. They were able to save and purchase a row house on the corners of North and Cecil Avenue. In 1957, they hung a

jobs as stepping-stones to his ultimate plan. On his lunch break at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, he met his devoted wife, Julia. She was the daughter of a Minister and School Teacher who came to DC to work during the war years.

Harold and Julia Marshall, Husband and wife, shared a partnership to benefit their community. Beginning with a chain of dry-cleaning establishments, the Marshall's branched out and solidified a dream called Marshall's Funeral Homes, founded in 1968. With their motto "One High Standard of Service."

Founder Harold Marshall passed away in 2003, leaving his wife, Dr. Julia Marshall, to head the company and continue to serve the community.

Dr. Marshall is now enjoying the fruits of retirement. She lives comfortably, knowing Marshall-March Funeral Homes will uphold the legacy that she and her husband built on valuing service to the community.



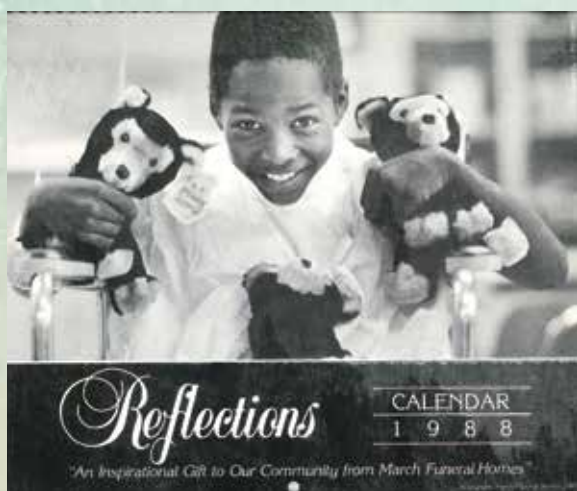
1918

“The quality, not the longevity, of one’s life is what is important.”

2018

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reaching the century-mark is no small feat. Our featured centenarians have witnessed the world and its evolution. They’ve been on the frontlines of segregation, with limited access to education, housing and other basic life necessities. They’ve witnessed the atrocities and casualties of the deadliest wars, and survived now treatable diseases. They’ve held together families on limited to no incomes. They’ve watched the changing of technology. They have gone from horse and buggy on dirt roads to self-driving battery operated cars on superhighways. They’ve transitioned through changes in the guard with 18 Presidents and multiple administrations. These legendary centenarians have experienced at least 100 years or more of history, and all its changes. We, therefore, honor the ‘greatest generation’ for shaping lives through shared wisdom, and building paths to the future making this world a better place to live.



Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Community Inspiration Calendar

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Olyvie Cyrus Woodland

Born October 17, 1916
101 Years Old

Deaconess Olyvie Cyrus Woodland was born in Virginia and raised in Washington D.C. Since the age of 26, Ms. Woodland has functioned with a vision impairment that claimed 90% of her sight. Although Ms. Woodland can only determine forms through light, she successfully worked 30 years for the Internal Revenue Service, retiring in 1975. In 1949, she purchased her home in Anacostia’s affluent waterfront neighborhood, River Terrace. Deaconess Cyrus Woodland is an active member of the John Wesley A.M.E Zion Church; where she has served as an Usher, on the Deaconess Board and senior choir. In addition to fellowshiping with her church family, Ms. Woodland enjoys singing, listening to music, eating out and socializing with family and friends.



Bessie Powell

Born May 20, 1917
100 Years Old

According to Bessie Powell, she didn't start living until she turned 80 years old. An only child, her mother died when she was just three years old, leaving her to be raised by an aunt in Blackstone, Virginia. In search of better employment opportunities, her aunt moved to Baltimore, MD and would eventually send for Bessie. She was 17 years old when she relocated. Her aunt worked for a family, doing domestic work, while Bessie cared for their children. In Baltimore, Bessie would marry and later work on an assembly line for Naron Candy Company. She jokes that she, 'was just like Lucy', wrapping candies as they travelled down the conveyer belt. Her happiest moment in life came, after seven years of marriage, when a doctor told her she was pregnant. She and her husband were ultimately married for 38 years; have one daughter, one grandson and two great-grandchildren. Bessie was in her 80s when her grandson took her on her first plane ride. They traveled to the Bahamas. Al Roker would help commemorate another first in her life when he featured Bessie on a 'Today Show' Smucker's Jar, highlighting that, at 99 years old, Bessie achieved her first hole-in-one, even if it was in miniature golf. Now referred to as Ms. Nanna, Bessie remains active. She continues to help around the house and enjoys light gardening. A dynamic force of nature, Bessie is the oldest member of Providence Baptist Church, where she has served for over 70 years and was recently awarded as the first and only member of the church's Century Circle. It is her belief and guiding principle to "be good to yourself and kind to others".



January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 End of Kwanzaa/ New Year's Day	2 March Funeral Home's Anniversary	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19	20
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Vincent Lindyberg

Born February 19, 1911
107 Years Old



Born in Poland, Vincent Lindyberg and his family escaped to the United States when he was an infant, just before Russia invaded their hometown. Vincent would grow up and meet his wife, Constance, in Brooklyn, NY. He proposed to her on their first date. Married 73 years, in his eyes, they were the essence of compatibility; arguing not even once.

Vincent worked as an installer for the telephone company Alcatel-Lucent and quickly advanced his way to a position of senior engineer. Even without an advanced degree, he became a highly recruited engineer who taught soldiers, PhDs, and subject matter experts about electrons, or electricity. He made discoveries that saved his company and the government millions of dollars and solved a problem that alluded scientists for 185 years.

Growing up, Mr. Lindyberg aspired to be a Priest, but a scientist at heart; he instead ministers through educating on his evolving ideas and interpretations. He lives in an apartment filled with books, computers, and mementos of his achievements and those of his two sons and their children.

Eveready, Mr. Lindyberg is eager to reach into his files to retrieve a binder labeled, Particle Physics. Inside, there are volumes of articles he has written over the decades. Some self-authored and typed as recently as 2015. His depth of topics include: Electrons in an Earthly Form and the Godly Purpose to their Existence; Electron's Major Role in the Universe's Genesis; and Ultimately God's Hands on it All.

Mr. Lindyberg speaks multiple languages. Still aspires to lecture on electrons or teach on the craft of making wine, and is computer savvy. He is an example to us all, that it is never too late to learn something new.

February

 **March**
Life Tribute Center, PA

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11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

Josephine Bigger

Born March 25, 1917
100 Years Old



Growing up in a music-filled household, Josephine Johnson Bigger spent Sundays singing at different churches, throughout Henrico County, VA, as her mother played the organ. Education was also a priority. As a child, she had to walk great distances to school. As a young lady, she received her diploma by taking correspondence classes and attending night school. In the 1950s, Josephine worked for The Honorable Oliver Hill and The Honorable Henry L. Marsh, III, both of whom were instrumental in Brown v. The Board of Education. She also worked for many years in retail, and later for the Richmond Public School System, until her retirement.

After marrying her late husband, Thomas, Mrs. Bigger moved to the Antioch neighborhood. For over 70 years, she has been an active member of St. James Baptist Church. Faithfully, Mrs. Bigger serves in several ministries including the Senior Choir, Hospitality Committee, was Superintendent of the Sunday School, and is also credited with forming and directing the Junior Choir.

Mrs. Bigger's childhood treks to school remain with her today. She can often be seen walking the mall or her local trail. She feels that family genetics, exercising, eating healthy, and a positive attitude are key to longevity. "The most important reason I am still here is because of God's grace and mercy. We are put here for a purpose. Every time we are kind to someone, we are helping the maker."

March

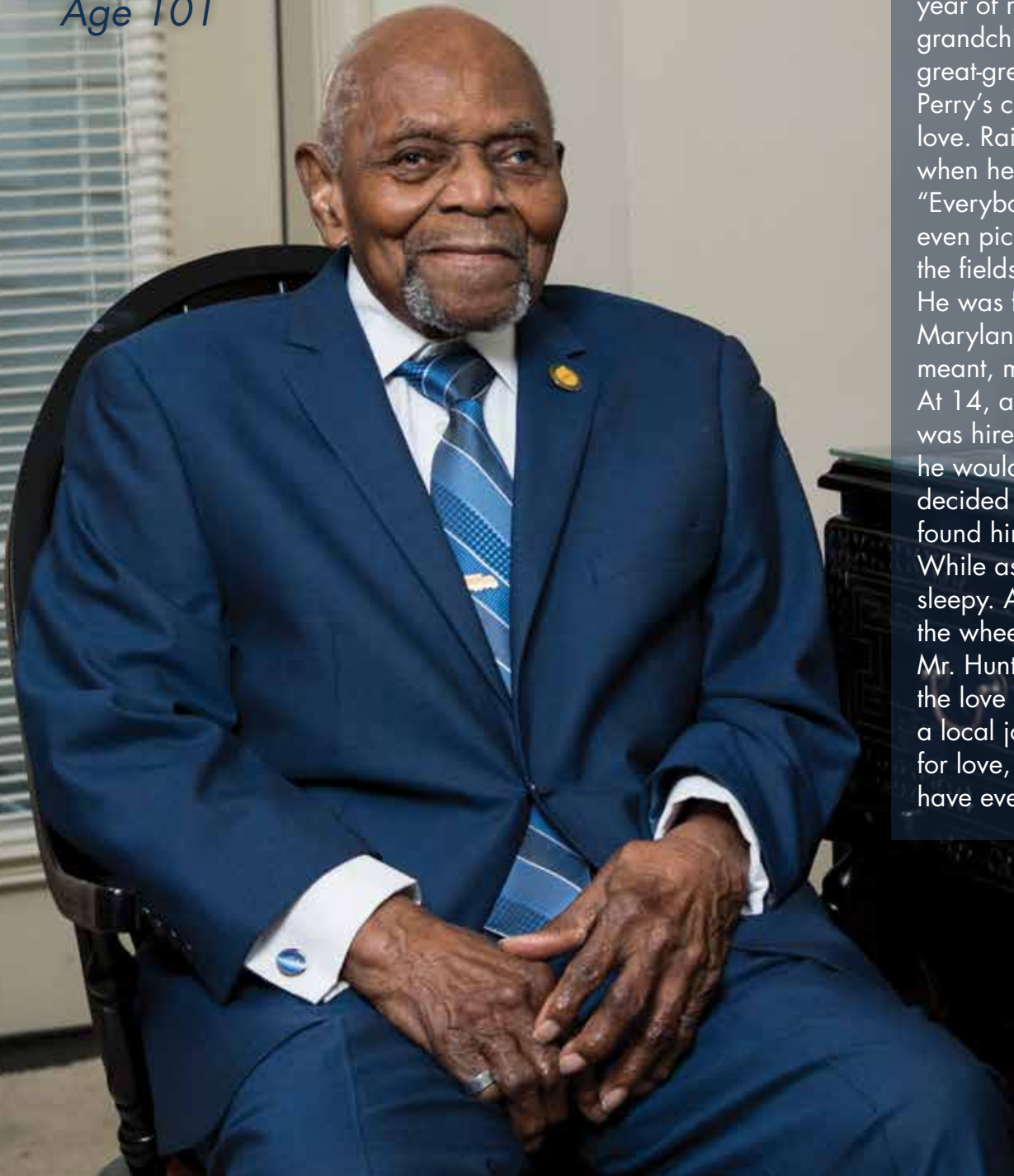


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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Maryland Day Palm Sunday				Holy Thursday	Passover Begins Good Friday	

Perry Hunter

Born November 26, 1916

Age 101



Mr. Perry Hunter met his loving wife, Gertrude, the night before he left to fight in WWII. It was just before she graduated from high school and they are in their 75th year of marriage. Together, they have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. Perry's childhood memories are ones of togetherness and love. Raised in Pamlico County, North Carolina, he recounts, when he was born, that cotton was king in the south. "Everybody raised cotton, and everybody picked cotton. I even picked cotton. When you were big enough to go out in the fields, you went out in the fields." He was five when his family relocated to South Baltimore, Maryland. They were "blockbusters", a term he explained meant, moving into a non-black neighborhood. At 14, although he aspired to be a mechanic, Mr. Hunter was hired as a helper at a local trucking company. There, he would assist the top mechanic, learned the craft, but decided the better opportunity was that of a driver. At 15, he found himself in the driver's seat of a 20-foot tractor-trailer. While assisting on an out of state delivery, the driver became sleepy. As a result, a young, Mr. Hunter was asked to take the wheel. This experience eventually led to other runs. Mr. Hunter's love for the trucking industry comes second to the love for his family. He came off of the road and worked a local job to help raise his children. He advises to marrying for love, stating his wife and family are the best things that have ever happened to him.

April

 **March**
Life Tribute Center, PA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter	2	3	4	5	6	7 Passover Ends
8	9 National Siblings Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Tax Day	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Administrative Professionals Day	26	27	28
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Dorothy Boggess was raised by her aunt in Louisville, Kentucky, after her mother passed away when she was 6 months old. On November 11th, 1941, she married her first love, George Boggess. A lunch date in the cafeteria of the War Department turned into a 73-year bond that took them around the world. George was 104 years old when he passed away in 2016. They have one son and two grandchildren.

One of the original five African-American "War Girls," a young Dorothy was recruited to work in a typing pool at the War Department (currently the Department of Defense). At the time, she was a student at Kentucky State College. The job led Mrs. Boggess to move to Washington, D.C. where she completed her education on a scholarship, with a Master's in Social Work, from Howard University. Mrs. Boggess would briefly move back to Kentucky to serve as the first Black social worker at Louisville's General Hospital. Ultimately she would retire in DC as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor.

Together, Dorothy and George travelled to all 50 States in America and 33 foreign countries. Their travels in the early 1950's, during segregation, were met with the most challenges when trying to find places to sleep. On several occasions, they rested in their car and ate at the local railway and bus stations. Mrs. Boggess' travels, led to a published book entitled: "I Wish You Were Here."

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, Mrs. Boggess had the privilege to worship at her home church, Zion Baptist in Washington, DC with the Obama family! She never imagined an African-American President in her lifetime. It reinforced one of her beloved husband's strongest beliefs. That all people should exercise "patience and fortitude."



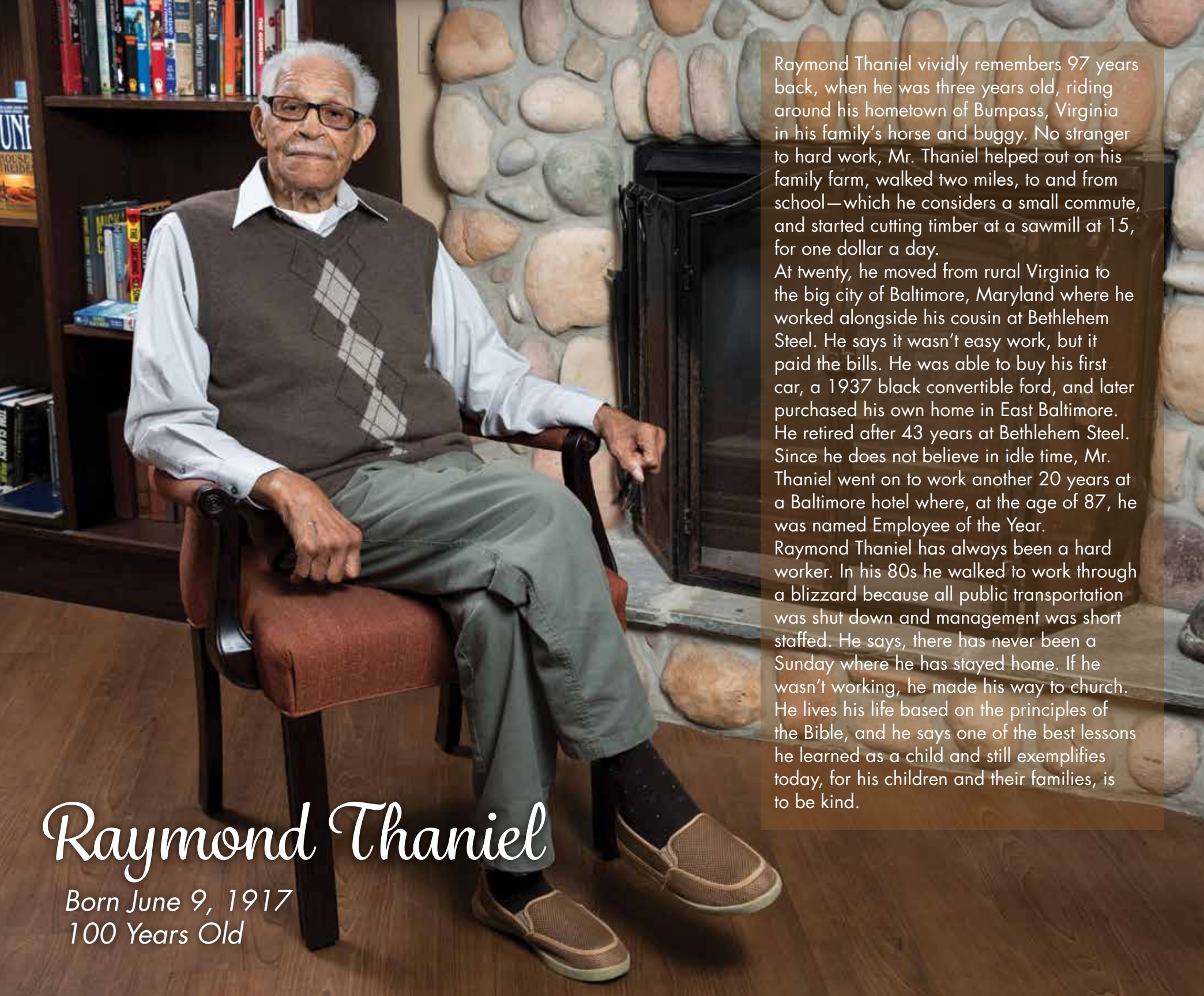
Dorothy Boggess

Born May 30, 1917
100 Years Old

May



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13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		



Raymond Thaniel vividly remembers 97 years back, when he was three years old, riding around his hometown of Bumpass, Virginia in his family's horse and buggy. No stranger to hard work, Mr. Thaniel helped out on his family farm, walked two miles, to and from school—which he considers a small commute, and started cutting timber at a sawmill at 15, for one dollar a day. At twenty, he moved from rural Virginia to the big city of Baltimore, Maryland where he worked alongside his cousin at Bethlehem Steel. He says it wasn't easy work, but it paid the bills. He was able to buy his first car, a 1937 black convertible ford, and later purchased his own home in East Baltimore. He retired after 43 years at Bethlehem Steel. Since he does not believe in idle time, Mr. Thaniel went on to work another 20 years at a Baltimore hotel where, at the age of 87, he was named Employee of the Year. Raymond Thaniel has always been a hard worker. In his 80s he walked to work through a blizzard because all public transportation was shut down and management was short staffed. He says, there has never been a Sunday where he has stayed home. If he wasn't working, he made his way to church. He lives his life based on the principles of the Bible, and he says one of the best lessons he learned as a child and still exemplifies today, for his children and their families, is to be kind.

Raymond Thaniel

Born June 9, 1917
100 Years Old

June



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17	18	19	20	21 Flag Day	22	23
24 Father's Day	25	26	27	28	29	30

Evangeline “Vangie” Paredes

Born July 26, 1916
101 Years Old



Affectionately called Vangie, Evangeline Paredes, was born in Brooklyn, NY to a Spanish mother and Filipino father. At the age of five, Vangie and her family moved to what is now the 8th Ward of Washington, DC. These were the days just after the end of WWI when DC was made up of farms and dirt roads. The third oldest of eight children, she would blossom in DC, graduating from Eastern High School and winning a scholarship to a Secretarial School. At the time, her true aspiration was to be a court reporter, but her mother objected, for fear she was too small and frail. Vangie proved just the opposite, as she spent her early adult years successfully managing not only her household, with a husband and son, but also working jobs with significant national and global impact. To include, working directly for Manuel Quezon, the former President of the Philippines, and other top ranking Generals, senior military Officers, Ambassadors and Secretaries in various positions at the United States Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, United Nations and Embassy of the Philippines. She held these positions during pivotal times in history including the battles for Filipino Independence, WWII and other conflicts and wars of this era. Later in life, Ms. Paredes used her retirement years to travel the world and volunteer. She is credited as a keystone member of a group that envisioned, planned and ultimately had to fight to build and finance the Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center located in the 8th Ward of Washington, DC. A true pioneer, Ms. Paredes, offers advice she was given by her mother. “Today will take care of itself be sure to plan for tomorrow.” Thanks to her works and heart for volunteering, generations to follow her will have a better future.

July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
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Ruth Washington

Born June 14, 1915
102 Years Old

Mrs. Ruth Williams Washington was born in Charles City County, VA. She's the fifth child of nine siblings. As a part of a large family, times were understandably hard. She fondly remembers the days of walking into their two-room schoolhouse, "It didn't seem as if we were poor. Maybe because we all had the same."

Ruth married early, to the love of her life, the late Levi Washington. She was a homemaker and together, they had 17 children. Always a vibrant and active woman, driving was one of her favorite past-times. She has driven everything from a Model-T Ford to an 18-wheeler. Although she has given up driving, Mrs. Washington still has a valid, Virginia driver's license. Mrs. Washington's greatest joy is loving and being loved by her children. She is especially proud that her family is five generations strong, with ten living children, 31 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She attributes her long, happy life to her faith in the promises of God and having loved and respected the elders of her day. Mrs. Washington stresses to her children that it is vital that her family stick together and support one another. She says, "If I could leave but one thing to the youth of today, it would be to seek God early, so that their blessings and days may be as long as I have received."

August



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		National Senior Citizens Day		National Grief Awareness Day		

Deacon Timothy Greene

Born September 14, 1917
100 Years Old



Born in Americus, Georgia, Timothy Greene moved to Baltimore, MD, with his mother and five siblings, after the passing of his father. He would grow up in a religious home where his mother was a minister who played the piano. Teaching each of her children, it was Timothy who developed a passion for the instrument that led his fingers and focus for decades. Often referred to as, "Old Faithful", Deacon Greene is known for being as dependable as he is musical. He never missed a service while ministering with his music at Rehoboth Church of God in Christ and now at 100 years old, he can be found every Sunday, behind the organ, opening service at Transformation Church of Jesus Christ. He is married to his loving wife, Mary and raised thirteen children, eight of his own, one niece and four stepsons. In his younger years, Timothy worked at Irvins Department Store for 30 years before transitioning to the Baltimore City School System, where he would work an additional 30 years tuning and reconstructing pianos in schools throughout the city. Retirement did not slowdown Deacon Greene. As a proud member of The Piano Tuners' Guild, Deacon Greene is well known for tending to the pianos at the world-renowned Peabody Institute, and in many of the Black churches throughout Baltimore. His favorite scripture is Revelation 2:10. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life." Although he has brought much joy through his unique style and gift for playing the organ, his true purpose is to perform as a warrior in the army of the Lord.

September

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Life Tribute Center, PA.

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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9 Grandparents' Day Rosh Hashanah Starts	10	11 Rosh Hashanah Ends	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Yom Kippur	19	20	21	22 National Centenarians Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Mamie Portee

Born May 3, 1916
101 Years Old



101 years ago, in Scotland Neck, North Carolina, Mamie Portee was delivered by her grandmother in their family home. The second oldest of five children, Mamie's mother emphasized the importance of working hard and going to church regularly. In fact, growing up in Richmond Virginia, her mother fudged Mamie's age and enrolled her early into George Mason Elementary School. By the time she was nine years old, Mamie earned up to \$2.00 a week cleaning homes for 10 cents each, with an additional 25 cents if she scrubbed the kitchen floors. When she was eleven, Mamie babysat from 8:00am-6:00pm. At a later age she would steam tobacco leaves at both Phillip Morris and Lucky Strike. When she was 26, Mamie moved to New York City and within two days found a job as a seamstress and eventually moved to Hoboken, New Jersey where she would live one block from Frank Sinatra's home, remaining there until she was 63 years old. Mamie met her husband, Jethro Portee at a dance. He was a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe, and they lived with his family on a reservation in Columbia, South Carolina. In her younger years, Mamie admits she enjoyed playing cards, however after she started studying the Bible and becoming a Jehovah's Witness, she changed her lifestyle. She now spends her days going out to dinner and evangelizing in the community. When asked who was her favorite president, she replied, "Franklin Roosevelt, but really it was his wife because she was the first woman President." The advice Mrs. Portee offers is "What you do for people do it from your heart."

October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Child Health Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Boss's Day	17	18	19	20
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Margo Purdy

Born November 26, 1917
100 Years Old



Margo Purdy is a real medical miracle. The oldest of ten children, born in Charlotte County, Virginia, she was very sick throughout her childhood and into her early adult years. At age 13, Margo moved to Baltimore to live with her grandmother and aunt who cared for her. God blessed her to escape death and brought her through two major surgeries in 1936 and 1949. She has been healthy, ever since. Margo started as a domestic worker but spent a major portion of her career as a seamstress. She worked in a sewing factory and was personally responsible for helping to make a suit for, then President Lyndon B. Johnson and costumes for movie stars such as Jackie Gleason. Drawn to the arts, Mrs. Purdy vividly remembers attending shows at the famous Royal Theatre on Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore, where she saw greats like Billie Holiday, Cab Calloway, Louis Armstrong, Sammy Davis Jr., and The Temptations. She would finish her career working in healthcare, giving back by caring for the sick, just as her family cared for her in her time of need. With her experiences, it is natural that her favorite scripture is, Psalm 121:1-2 "I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

She wed Walter Purdy in 1944, and they were happily married for over 50 years. She is still very active, and enjoys traveling. She serves various ministries as a member of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, and in 2017 was named the honorary chair of the Maryland Centenarian Committee 25th Anniversary Luncheon.

November



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Veterans' Day						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Thanksgiving		
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Anna Thornton

Born September 5, 1915
102 Years Old



Born in Essex County, Virginia, Anna Elizabeth Jeter Thornton has fond childhood memories of going to school and playing with friends. Along with her eight siblings, she was responsible for completing household chores associated with growing up on a farm. Anna moved to Washington, DC to fill in for a schoolmate, who was a nanny, and needed to have an operation. After her friend healed, Anna decided to stay. She continued to work in childcare until transitioning to the Federal Government in 1941. It was just before this time, in 1939, that she met a man on an elevator that would become her husband. Julian Thornton would stay on that elevator until the woman that struck his heart would return to make her way home.

Mrs. Thornton was always aware of the dos and don'ts of living in the era of segregation. It was the way of life. Reflecting on it now, what stands out is the time of 'separate but equal'. She worked with a lot of military personnel, and in her experience, they were the most forceful in making the change. In 1956, while working for National Security in Fort Meade, MD, she was sent on an assignment in Virginia. Mrs. Thornton would return to tell her boss how there were walls separating the cafeteria into two sides; one 'colored' and the other 'white'. Her boss, a White military officer, took action immediately and upon her return to Virginia, the wall had been removed. He commanded troops in WWII where he witnessed how the Black soldiers were dying for this country the same way as the Whites. So, in turn, he believed they earned a certain level of his respect.

For 55 years, Mrs. Thornton was an active member of Israel Baptist Church in Washington, DC before moving to Prince George's County, MD and joining Reid Temple A.M.E. Church. She says the secret to living a happy life is simple, "You only pass this way once, so enjoy it as you go along".

December



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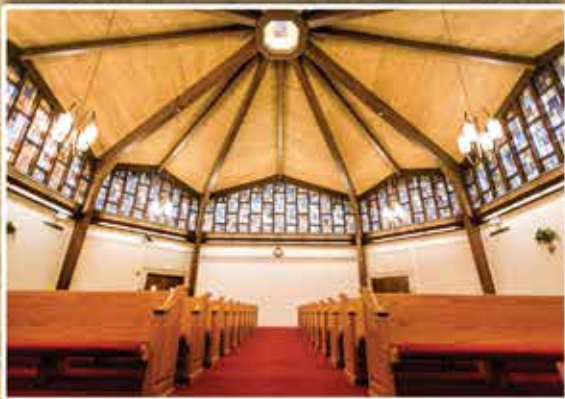
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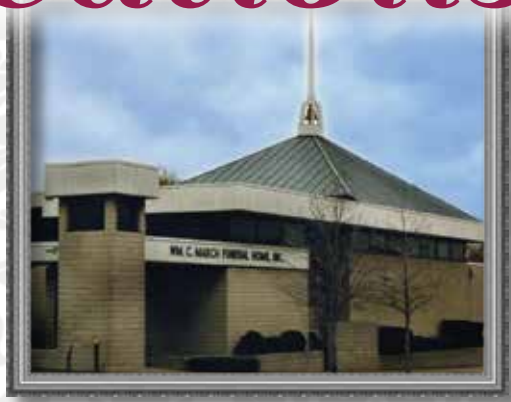


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