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**Ministry of Social Development and Family Services**



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### **Augustine Montrose celebrates one-hundredth birthday, seventy-sixth Mother's Day**

Friends, relatives and loved ones gathered at the Maraval Community Centre, Maraval on Sunday 14th May, 2023 to celebrate Augustine Montrose née Fournillier fondly called “Tanty Augustine.” Born in 1923 in Maraval, Ms. Montrose officially celebrates her 100th birthday today, May 15, 2023. To mark her 100th birthday, Ms. Montrose wore a blue and white head scarf, off white dress and gold accessories, complimenting the gold, blue and white decor for the birthday celebration. Ms. Montrose, joined by her two children Althea and Maurice also celebrated her seventy-sixth Mother's Day.

The mother of two (2), grandmother of eight (8), great-grandmother to sixteen (16) and great-great-grandmother of four (4) credits her longevity to God, good food and exercise, noting that she used to on a daily basis, sweep her home from her house to the road, weed her yard and garden. Further, she noted that she got married on December 12th 1948 and her husband died in 2001 after 53 years of marriage. Her hobbies included going to the theatre (cinema/movies) because “that's what they called it in those days.” Now at her age, she has resorted to watching her television. She further encouraged children to obey their parents so their days will be long on this land which God gave us.

Joining the celebration also was Ms. Janinka Gomes, Inspector I of the Division of Ageing to honour her under the Ministry's National Centenarian Programme and presented Ms. Montrose with her Certificate of Honour and Achievement, a hamper courtesy of the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO), a mug and a birthday cake from the Kiss Baking Company.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services encourages persons to join us as we recognise and salute our nation's centenarians for recognition under the National Centenarian Programme. Persons may visit the Ministry's website at [www.social.gov.tt](http://www.social.gov.tt) for more information or contact the Division of Ageing at 623 – 2608; Ext 2001 to 2009 or 800-OPIC (6742) to register and for more information.



*Joined by her son Maurice, Ms. Augustine Montrose waves to attendees at her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at the Maraval Community Centre.*



*Ms. Janinka Gomes (left), Inspector I of the Division of Ageing presents Ms Montrose with her hamper courtesy NAMDEVCO and Kiss birthday cake. Looking on are her children Maurice and Althea.*

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