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Valencia resident Jane Campbell celebrates 103

The community of Quare Road, Valencia celebrated a huge achievement when beloved resident Jane Campbell celebrated her 103rd birthday. Born November 8, 1920, the staunch Roman Catholic attributes her longevity to a combination of spiritual well-being and a healthy lifestyle. “My secrets for living long include eating healthy and putting God first in everything I do.” She said.

Tanty Jane as she is fondly called, has lived in the area all her life and recalls the area being quite different from when she grew up. “I grew up right here in Quare Road, Valencia. I recalled here being quiet, not much houses or vehicles and everyone lived as one. Back in my days had no school but there was a lady that had a private tutoring class I attended for a short period of time” she said.

Ms. Campbell also indicated that she operated as a part-time water carrier during the making of the Valencia Old Road, however, her primary responsibility was taking care of loved ones in her family. “I took care of him (her nephew Roy Lloyd Campbell) when he was born, because his mother was sick and I took care of my mother until she died. I do good things. I don’t smoke and don’t drink,” said Ms. Campbell.

She further stated that the best advice she has for this generation, is to trust in God and stay out of trouble. She however, lamented the crime situation and its impact on the younger generation. “That (crime) very bad boy. Bad, bad, bad, bad” she stressed. “I wish the killing would stop and let the young people live but they killing out the young people.”

The Ministry was pleased to honour Ms. Campbell under the Ministry’s National Centenarian Programme and encourage persons to register via the Ministry’s website at www.social.gov.tt to complete the online form or print a downloadable form for completion. Completed forms may be dropped off at the nearest Social Welfare Office or emailed to the Division of Ageing at opic@social.gov.tt. For more information, persons may contact the Division of Ageing at 623 – 2608; Ext 2001 to 2009, or 800-OPIC (6742).

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Ms. Jane Campbell who celebrated her 103rd on November 8, 2023 displays her Certificate of Honour and Achievement.



Ms. Campbell celebrates her birthday with relatives and loved ones at her Valencia home on November 8, 2023.