CELEBRATION OF A BELOVED CENTENARIAN



Someone in our congregation has a very exciting milestone coming up. Betty Bollinger will be turning 100 years old on July 29! Her daughter, Carolyn Heatwole, provided a biography of Betty's storied life to date:

Betty spent most of her life living in Jetmore and then Dodge City, Kansas. She was the eldest of three girls born to John and Isadore Lappin and grew up on a cattle and wheat farm just south of Jetmore. She met and married C.M. (Larry) Bollinger while working in the PX on the Army Air Corp's B-26 training airbase in Dodge City. Larry was sent to England where he completed 69 missions, three on D-day, as the pilot of a B-26 bomber. After the war, the couple took up farming alongside Betty's father on the family farm near Jetmore. There they raised two daughters, Jana and Carolyn. Larry contracted polio in the summer of 1951. With the skill of many doctors and the help and support of family, community, and their church, Betty and Larry were able to overcome many obstacles. Together they learned how to maneuver a wheelchair through 42 years of a life filled with faith, love, and support. Larry passed away in 1985. In 2007, Betty moved to Wisconsin to be closer to her daughter Carolyn (Craig) Heatwole and granddaughter Shandy (Tom) Roehrig's family. Betty and Larry have two daughters, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Betty is the second generation of her family to celebrate 100 Years. Her mother, Isadore Lappin celebrated a full 103 years. Betty has a sister, Virginia Roszel of Hutchinson, Kansas, who is not far behind at 97.

There will be a celebration of Betty's 100 years on Sunday afternoon, July 28, from 2:00 - 4:00 in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Cards may be sent to Betty at 425 W. Walters Street #3, Port Washington, WI 53074.