

Peggy Bennett is Celebrating a Century

An inspiring life was celebrated on May 2, 2019 when Senior Horizon residents, along with Candi Harris of the community's beauty salon, hosted a surprise party for Peggy Bennett to celebrate her 100th birthday. Family as far as North Carolina traveled to commemorate her special day.

Born on May 2, 1919, Peggy grew up in Brooklyn NY and was the second oldest of 16 children.

Often walking to work, Peggy had a career as a legal secretary and a court clerk. She was also a homemaker.

At age 72, Peggy retired and began volunteering. She's been a huge support to her community ever since. Peggy currently volunteers at the Town of Newburgh Police Station in the records department. Since 1992, she has volunteered for AARP's Tax Aide Program. She was a coordinator for Meals on Wheels and was president of the Orange County Legal Secretary Group.

Peggy's participated in Orange County Senior Games for over 20 years, earning over 150 medals which she kindly donated back to the senior games program; two boxes full! "When Peggy donated a box load of gold medals back to the Senior Games last year, I realized the term "golden years" meant something different to her. Though she no longer possesses those gold medals, she still has her heart of gold and that is what makes her a true champion." – Tom Quinlisk, Orange County Department of Parks

For over 25 years, Peggy's been a member of the TNT Town of Newburgh Tappers, still dancing when she can and never missing a show.

Peggy is one of the first original tenants at Senior Horizons.

She has two sons and two grandchildren.

Her secret to living a long and fulfilled life, "Keep working."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PEGGY!

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Peggy with Town of Newburgh Police staff

