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BLANEY SISTERS CELEBRATE 100TH BIRTHDAYS

Three sisters, Ruth Smith, 102 years; Marion Rakov, 101 years, and Louise Henderson who will be 100 years old on March 14, 2018 will be celebrating their centennial birthdays together with an upcoming family gathering and dinner.

They are the daughters of the late John and Pearle Squire Blaney of Apulia Station, New York.

They account for their longevity to being raised in the country and working on the family dairy farm, plus never smoking cigarettes or drinking alcohol. Ruth and Louise have lived in the Apulia area their entire lives, while Marion moved to Syracuse for better job opportunities.

They have been lifelong members of the Apulia United Methodist Church. Their family offered the land on which the church stands today. There were baptized in the church when they were young, joined the church membership in their teenage years around 1928, and were married and raised their families, all participating in church activities. They have been supporting members in the church's fundraising efforts working at smorgasboard suppers, bake sales, annual rummage and craft sales, etc. They also were loyal members of the Womens' Society of Christian Services (WSCS) that worked to raise funds for Methodist outreach programs in foreign and developing countries to further support the spread of Christianity, especially Methodism, providing food, clothing and medical care to those in need throughout the world.

We congratulate these women on attaining their 100th birthdays and thank them for their lifelong service to the Apulia United Methodist Church. May you all enjoy many more years of good health and happiness.

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