

# Ron Smith Care Centre @ Elphin Lodge



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Cathy Basterfield (above, right) became one of four centenarians at RSCC when she turned 100 on September 16.

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## A spring in RSCC's step

The arrival of spring and the warmer weather gave residents and staff at Ron Smith Care Centre every reason to celebrate. On September 19, the centre marked the season by coming together to honour both spring and the many cultures of South Africa.

Blessed with a warm, sunny day, everyone gathered in colourful spring and cultural attire at the Woodlands Garden and Lapa. The décor – red and green Shweshwe overlays, bright sunflowers, clay-coloured pots, and flags from around the world – created an atmosphere of joy and excitement.

Festivities began with the incredible voice and energy of Abigail Beard, who entertained the crowd with classics from Abba, Queen, Ben E King and Elvis Presley. Residents and staff were soon on their feet, dancing and singing along to the lively music.

The entertainment continued with two groups of staff showcasing traditional dances. Both Sepedi and Zulu performances, delivered in vibrant cultural attire, were a highlight of the day. "It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the music, dancing, and celebrating our country's rich heritage together," said Simoné Botha, OT and recreation manager at Ron Smith Care Centre.

Meanwhile, the delicious aroma of meat on the braai filled the air, building anticipation for a proudly South African meal of braaiied chicken, 'paptert', pumpkin muffins and Greek salad, rounded off with a classic milk tart.

One family member captured the spirit of the day: "Thank you for all that you do. Your dedication is priceless. Your love for a party brings joy to the residents and comfort to their families."



## Birthdays

### RESIDENTS

04 Oct	Schalk Grobler (RL3)	87
04 Oct	Cecily Ryder (WL)	96
06 Oct	Shirley McTaggart (WL)	90
07 Oct	Ethne Tonnesen (CP)	88
08 Oct	Vera Meyer (RL3)	89
17 Oct	Megan Weeks (LS)	95
20 Oct	Barbara Welsh (RL3)	88
25 Oct	Myra Forfar (RL3)	81
25 Oct	Brian Russell (WL)	97
30 Oct	Frank Kantor (WL)	85
31 Oct	Pearl Porter (WL)	93

### STAFF

01 Oct	Sanele Ndlovu
03 Oct	Lindiwe Hlope
03 Oct	Nontobeka Mdolo
05 Oct	Lehlogonolo Manaka
06 Oct	Leanie Bessinger
07 Oct	Phindhile Radebe
08 Oct	Siziwe Manyamalala
10 Oct	Raisibe Ledwaba
13 Oct	Elliot Masina
13 Oct	Kedisaletse Maodi
13 Oct	Esmeralda Rusike
13 Oct	Catherine Tshinyadzo
20 Oct	Sihe Mashai
22 Oct	Raisibe Bodila
22 Oct	Boniswa Sithole
25 Oct	Madibere Madibane
26 Oct	Motsebore Sehlola
26 Oct	Debbie Beech
28 Oct	Mokgothi Shai
28 Oct	Fulufhelo Mukwevho
29 Oct	Emily Tshabalala
29 Oct	Mamoipone Maluka

Staff members must please remember to collect their birthday chocolate from reception.

### Fondly remembered

Sylvia Morawitz	CP	Irene Hensen	RL2
Brenda Jinx	LS	Elaine Maselle	RL1

### Welcome to

Sven Bauer	RL2	Keith Reid	LS
Brenda Williams	RL2	Adrienne Reid	RL2
Michael Carlisle	RL3	Lilly Odesnik	RL2
Desmond Bell	LS		



Irene Watson turned 104 on September 8. She is currently the oldest resident at RSCC.