

MNO citizen Albertine Roussin 100 years young

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On March 4, 2017, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) citizen Albertine Roussin celebrated a true milestone. Her family organized a special celebration at the Dryden Regional Training and Cultural Centre to commemorate that she turned one hundred years old on March 2, 2017.

Albertine was born in 1917 in Ste. Amelle, Manitoba. She was the daughter of Joseph and Maria Marion and had thirteen siblings. During the celebration, Albertine shared stories with the community such as when her family moved to Ontario in 1938 in a wagon. The trip to Ontario took about three months. While travelling to Ontario her husband Wilfred took on odd jobs and Albertine said “I took on

other working men’s laundry to earn extra.” Albertine raised nine children and opened her home to eight foster children. Among her children was the late Alvina Cimon, a former President of the MNO Northwest Métis Council. To this day, Albertine still enjoys knitting and canning jam.

Albertine was pleased to see many members of her community come out to wish her a happy birthday. She said: “Well look at all these people. You think I was a good girl.”

The MNO was pleased to be a participant in the celebration. In honour of Albertine’s centennial, she was presented with a certificate from MNO President Margaret Froh as well as a beautiful bouquet of flowers, which included a sash. ∞



▲ MNO staff member Janet Hipfner presents centenarian and MNO citizen Albertine Roussin with gifts from the MNO at her 100th birthday celebration.