

# FACES & NAMES

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101 YEARS YOUNG!



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## **How long have you lived in Magnolia Point?**

I have lived here in Magnolia Point since 2006.

**Who's in your immediate family, at home, here, or elsewhere?** My daughter, Angie who lives in Panama visits several times a year. She will be staying here this summer and fall.

## **Do you have any pets?**

Through the years I have acquired several pets, although they presented the opportunity to me, I never "chose" any of them. Just one year ago, at age 100, I went to a local rescue shelter and adopted my beautiful Tortoise Shell cat, Eve, though I call her 'Kitty'.

## **What was your passion at 16?**

I loved playing sports! I played basketball, field hockey, and archery. I enjoyed family events as well.

## **And now?**

I enjoy time with my cat, word search puzzles and being on my screened porch. I have a wonderful lady that visits me everyday when my daughter isn't here and we go out to eat lunch every day.

## **What advice would you give to a 16 year old today?**

Educate yourself as much as possible and travel as much as you can.

## **What do you like most about your home?**

My home is just the right size for me and my daughter. I love my screened porch to look at the animals that frequent my yard. I have wonderful neighbors as well.

## **Places lived:**

I was born in New Castle, PA in 1923. I went to college and afterwards heard about a job opportunity to work for the state department. I wanted to travel and this seemed to be the perfect job for me. I met my husband while working for the Foreign Service Branch of the State Department in Angola. We visited 57 countries while working for the state department and vacations. My favorite country is Italy.

## **Special memories:**

I met then President Nixon while living in Moscow. While living in Cairo, Egypt I had the opportunity to walk on the newly discovered Pharaoh Khufu's boat. This was a 144 foot long vessel that was found buried in a pyramid. Needless to say shortly afterwards the government decided it wasn't a good idea to have people walk on the deck and it was moved to a museum.

## **Secrets to longevity:**

I believe it all started with eating healthy. My family had a garden and my father hunted and fished. Be open-minded about things in general. Travel as much as you can. You will learn so much by seeing and understanding different cultures and lifestyles.

