

The Chelsea Celebrates Two Residents Turning 100 Only Weeks Apart

Shrewsbury, NJ – Passion may be the secret to reaching 100. Hildegard ("Hilde") Groth and Shirley Parker hit the milestone only three weeks apart and both will be honored this Friday, February 3rd, at The Chelsea at Shrewsbury, a leading Assisted Living and Memory Care community in Monmouth County.

Groth's big day is on Saturday, but she'll be joined by friends and family the day before at 3 p.m. in the community's Tavern. Parker enjoyed a terrific celebration surrounded by a big group of family and friends last month.

One of Groth's closest friends is Frechette, who goes by "Pru." They worked at Montclair Radiology together. Hilde had retired there after 44 years as a technician.

She always had a desire to be in the medical field, even after she emigrated to the United States during World War II and had to overcome a language barrier.

The youngest of nine children, Groth was born and raised in Germany and grew up on her parents' farm until she was 17 years old. As the war was escalating, though, her parents sent her to live with three of her siblings in Caldwell, NJ. They had been living in New Jersey long before Groth arrived.

She learned English by working as a nanny and through her Folk Dancing Club where she met other German expatriates.

Groth was married for more than 40 years, but never had children.

Parker was married to Dr. James Parker, who has a street and clinic named after him in Shrewsbury. They also did not have any children, but they lived a life full of adventure and excitement.

Parker, who grew up in Fair Haven, NJ, worked for Fort Monmouth for over 44 years.

Please join us in wishing them a very happy birthday. If you'd like to attend or cover this event, please contact Jason Kahn at jkahn@cslal.com or call (908) 889-4200 ext. 613.

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