

Oldest Person in U.S. Credits Long-Life to God's Grace

The oldest person in the U.S. is giving credit to God for her long-life.

As Fox News reported, Elizabeth Francis is currently the oldest person in the United States, reigning in at 115 years old after her birthday last month.

However, Francis hasn't done this life on her own. Her granddaughter, Ethel Harrison, told Fox that Francis' faith has been a key component to her life.

"She will tell you it's by the grace of God," Harrison said. "That's how she made it so long. She is very spiritual."

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Francis lives in Houston with her daughter, Dorothy Williams, who is 95. The two have multiple caregivers.

LongeviQuest is an organization that keeps tabs on the oldest people alive throughout the world. The organization presented Francis with a plaque to commemorate her outstanding longevity.

Speaking to the Washington Post, Ben Meyers from LongeviQuest said that "Elizabeth Francis is America's grandmother...her story is about faith, fortitude and family more than it is about longevity."

Fox noted that Francis has been a member of the same church her whole life, Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

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“They come to visit and bring communion,” Harrison said. “She is still an active member even though she is not able to attend church. We watch on television.”

Harrison also told the Post that Francis is grateful for her wonderful life.

“I asked her the other night how she feels about turning 115 and she smiled and said, ‘I just thank the good Lord that I’m here,’” Harrison said.

Elizabeth Francis’ life is a testament of the Lord’s faithfulness and goodness. The one request she now has is that she’d like to eat two slices of cake. Her family is willing to comply with this well-deserved extra slice of dessert.

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