

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CENTENARIANS IN OKLAHOMA

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1. Oklahoma is the only state that has a program to honor those reaching age 100 or more, a centenarian, pronounced: cen-ten-air-e-an.
2. A person who reaches the age of 110 is called a super-centenarian.
3. Centenarians of Oklahoma is a volunteer organization; we operate solely on public donations or small grants from companies and foundations.
4. Each centenarian in Oklahoma will be remembered annually when they receive a birthday and Christmas cards from us. We also send out little remembrance items now and then.
5. Over 2,800 centenarians have been honored by our group since it began in 1991.
6. The oldest-known person in the world is Maria Branyas Morera of Spain, born on March 4, 1907. (115)
7. The oldest-known person in the US is Edie Ceccarelli of California, born February 5, 1908. (115 this year)
8. The oldest-known person in Oklahoma is Lois Boston of Guymon, born on May 10, 1913. (109)
9. The oldest-known male in Oklahoma is Gerald Sibley of Bartlesville, born August 25, 1917. (105)
10. Quinton, OK is named for Elizabeth Jacobs Quinton (born 1825, died 1941), a Choctaw who lived to be 116.
11. The last census report shows about 450 centenarians in Oklahoma. Worldwide, it is believed there are about 316,000 centenarians.
12. The highest percentage (based on population) of centenarians is in Japan. They now have over 72,000 centenarians. Another region of the world with a high percentage of centenarians is Scandinavia.
13. North Dakota has the highest rate of centenarians – 3 centenarians for every 10,000 persons.
14. More than 80% of the centenarians are women; 38% live alone or with family; less than 20% are veterans.
15. Remember, we are self-funded. Any donation to help us do our work is greatly appreciated and tax letters will be sent out for contributions of \$25 or more. Thank you!

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