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Beloved Little Rock Woman Celebrates 100 Years!

Family of Matriarch and Centurion Elizabeth B. Evans to Give Birthday Celebration

Little Rock, AR – She has traveled across the world to places like the Holy Land, Egypt, England, France, Copenhagen, Denmark, Malmo, Sweden, Amsterdam, Holland, and Hawaii. She has earned two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree, despite struggles of the Civil Rights Movement. She has served faithfully in her church for decades and has taught and retired from the Little Rock School District. She is a mother of five, grandmother of 15, great-grandmother of 14, and great-great grandmother of 2. But on **Saturday, October 31, 2015, 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.**, family and friends of **Elizabeth Barron Evans** will travel from across the country to **The Centre at University Park** (6401 West 12th Street) to celebrate a new milestone in her life – her **100th Birthday**.

"I am truly amazed by Mother. Her stamina and endurance are divinely-inspired. Despite the loss of her husband, three sons and other family members over 100 years, she is still going," said Reverend Robert Evans, her youngest son. "Mother puts God first and herself last. She is our matriarch, who is family-oriented and loves to give. She loves people and is always thinking about others. For all of her sacrifices, we love, appreciate, and celebrate her."

Her daughter Marilyn Turner also commented, "Mother is a virtuous woman – without a doubt. She is a Christian woman, the wife of a minister. During her world travels, she has walked where Jesus walked and has known the peace – His peace – that surpasses all understanding."

The documentary "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" details Mrs. Evans' international travels and offers her firsthand account of these experiences. "And so we came to Cana, now a small and somewhat squalid village and yet named in almost every Christian marriage service," she recalled. "Here, it was that Jesus performed the first of His signs by transforming water into wine," she continued.

"People who come into contact with Mother readily focus on her wisdom because she has had so many experiences that she can share," her daughter noted. "We love our Mother; she is just a wonderful person!"

Born October 30, 1915 in Greenwood, Mississippi to Andrew "Andy" Leonard Barron and Hazel Lee Barron, Elizabeth Barron is the oldest of seven children and the only surviving sibling today. She attended Bush Elementary School, Junior and Senior High School, Arkansas Baptist College where she

earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Religion, and Philander Smith College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Studies. Mrs. Evans furthered her education at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where she earned a Master of Science Degree in Elementary Education in 1961.

For 36 years, Mrs. Evans was married to the late Reverend Felix Timothy Evans and bore their five children: Reverend Timothy Evans (MaeDean), Paul Louis Evans (Mary Alice), Reverend Lawrence Henry Evans, Sr. (Barbara), Reverend Robert Andrew Evans (Myrtle), and Marilyn Elizabeth Evans Turner (Levy).

A lifetime member of St. Peter's Rock Missionary Baptist Church in Little Rock, Mrs. Evans served as church musician for more than 40 years and has been a member for more than 75 years. Her service to the community also spanned into the classroom, where she taught Social Studies at Gartrell High School in England, Arkansas for 10 years and at Gibbs and Woodruff Elementary schools for 17 years before retiring in 1978.

"All children can learn," Mrs. Evans always says. "When love, opportunity, and a positive learning environment exist, there is no limit to what can be achieved!"

For more information about the **100th Birthday Celebration for Elizabeth Barron Evans**, call Kamille Camper at (501) 425-4857 or Marcey Wright at (901) 428-7984.

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