

Morrow Home In The News



From Left: Della Gebhardt; Franny Antony; Loretta Miller

Childhood Friends Meet Again

Franny (Vogel) Antony celebrated her 91st birthday on September 30th at Morrow Memorial Home in Sparta, Wisconsin. Joining Franny for the festivities were childhood friends Della (Poss) Gebhardt and Loretta (Hohn) Miller. The three attended Hohn Grade School in the late 1920's. The school was located 8 miles south of Sparta in the town of Wells. The three reminisced of their childhood schooldays, old-fashioned crank telephones, hot fudge sundaes at George's Drugstore, and trips to Vogel's Strawberry Farm, operated by Franny's parents, in West Salem. Franny graduated from West Salem High School, while Della and Loretta graduated from Sparta High School, all in the late 1930's.

A few years ago, Loretta was volunteering for the Morrow Home chapel services. Loretta assisted Franny, a resident of the nursing home, to Catholic Mass. Upon entering Morrow Home's chapel one day, they noticed another familiar face, Della, who had just moved into the MaryCrest Apartments within the Morrow Home senior living community. Della now sees Franny at weekly chapel services, while Loretta now volunteers at Morrow Home's second-hand store in Sparta, called Mary Morrow's Attic.

The three plan to visit more, as birthday girl Franny happily states that she is "going for 100".