

Donald Jones

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Hanna O'Reilly from chanel 69 News interviewed Donald just before the parade started. Jones was quoted as saying "I am a celebrity today, The Lord has blessed me so well....I'm forever thankful," said Jones.

And when told he was not only the leader of the parade but the Grand Marshal this year as well, he replied "When you've got it, you got it," said Jones.

This was the 87th year of the parade that has brought families from the Slate Belt Area together, as they watch the schools, first responders, and politicians ride by. Go to this link to see the video interview from wfmz channel 69 news. https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/i-just-love-my-life-and-i-hope-to-live-a-long-time-wwii-veteran/article_5d7ffeda-2d5f-11ed-ab79-eb58acc45e84.html.

On Saturday before the parade about fifty people gathered at Trinity Lutheran church in Bangor (Donald's home town) to celebrate his 100th birthday.

Family, Friends and dignitaries go the chance to tell stories about Donald's life over lunch and sip some of his favorite, red wine.

Senator Scavello, Rep. Ann Flood and Bob Kilbanks from Rep. Joe Emrick's office presented Donald with two citations for turning 100, one from the House and one from the Senate.

Steve DeFranco from the Roseto American Legion presented Donald who was a past commander of the Legion thanking him for his service to his country and community, and brought a large cake dressed in red, white and blue.

He was also awarded for being a member for 75 years from Craig Wilhelm the State commander for American Legions.

Donald took the time to thank everyone personally and took a photo with each family and friends who attended.



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Below Rep. Ann Flood Pins a 100 medal signifying 100 years old.



Donald speaks to his guests at Trinity Lutheran church for his 100th birthday party.



Steve DeFranco and Tanya Russo from the Roseto American Legion, Mr. & Mrs. Craig Wilhelm the State commander for American Legions, Bob Kilbanks from Rep. Joe Emrick's office, Senator Scavello, Rep. Ann Flood

