At 105...

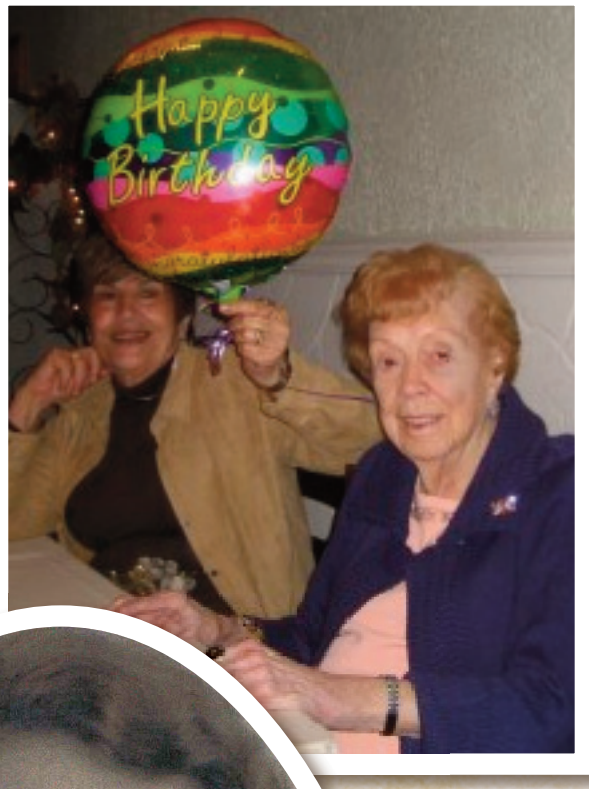
By Peggy Ell

Emily Jones Spreder is still on the move!

Fun-loving, joke-telling, "styling", fiercely independent, determined and astute are just a few words that describe Emily Margaret Jones who was born on April 1st, 1907 in Brooklyn, NY.

Emily, who will be 105 this year, can still tell a joke and entertain a crowd. She now lives in Whiting, enjoys a good book, plays solitaire, votes, gets her hair done every other week and likes to lunch with her friends.

Emily was the second child born child to Harriet and Tom Jones. Her siblings were an older sister, Sarah, and two younger brothers, Tom and Alex. Her family moved from Brooklyn to Lockport, NY. After attending Walnut Street Elementary School, Emily went to work at Corson Manufacturing Company in Lockport for twelve years. Having a desire to remain single, Emily turned down proposals by a few suitors. At the age of 25, she traveled alone to England via a commercial passenger ship. She stayed in England for three months visiting relatives.



Emily Jones Spreder above at 104 years young!

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Back in the states, at the age of 29, Emily succumbed to the charms of John Conlin, and agreed to marriage in 1936. John worked for the railroad and was transferred often. The couple left Lockport, living in Buffalo, Baltimore, San Francisco, Winston Salem, and Morristown, NJ. In 1961, John passed away after a short illness.

While working at Warner-Lambert Pharmaceuticals, which is now Pfizer, Emily married Bill Spreder in 1966 and the couple moved to Lake Hopatcong and later to Florham Park. In 1976, Bill and Emily, both retired at this time, moved to Whiting, NJ. Sadly Bill passed away a few years later.

Emily's interests included traveling, going on cruises, bowling, knitting, sewing, cooking and card playing. She remains an inspiration to all who meet her.

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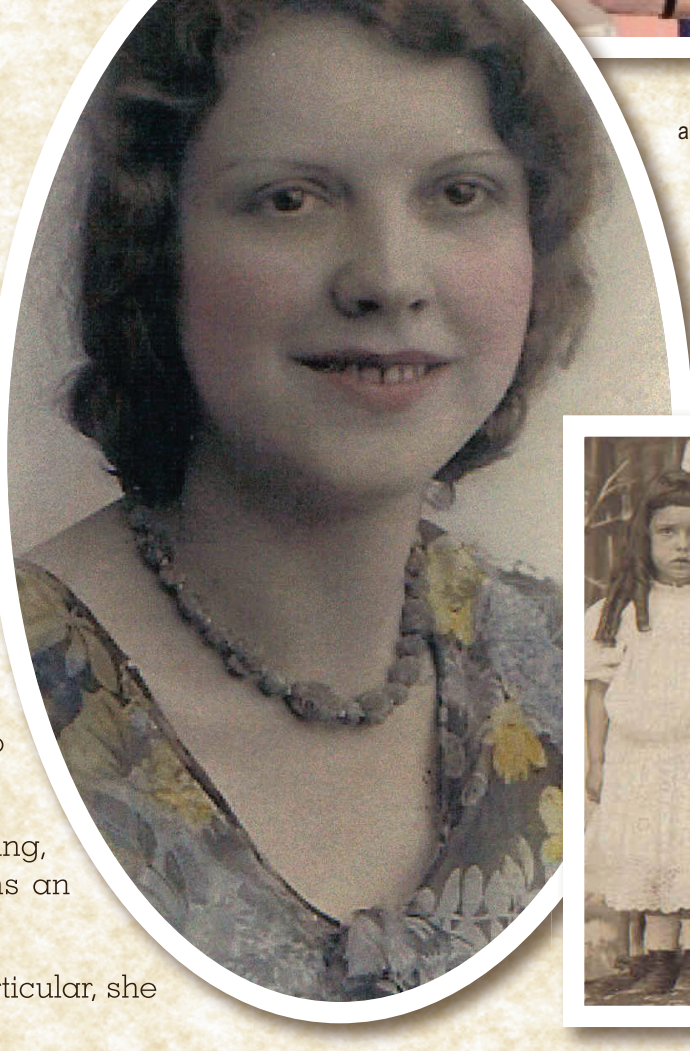

Emily Margaret Jones at age 25

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