Former dancer, circus performer marks 103rd birthday

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Cape May Flair and Wave

LUCY'S CAPE MAY — It’s extraordinary to see your lifetime partner, but for Doreen Quinn, it’s just one more milestone in a remarkable life. Last month, on May 12, the 103rd birthday of Quinn, her husband would have been 107. Quinn, the only surviving member of a circus troupe, recently attended a celebration of her birthday at Victoria Manor, the group’s former base of operations. Lower Township Mayor Michael Beck greeted Quinn, right, and her daughter Paula Perrotti during the birthday celebration May 12 at Victoria Manor. In Ireland as the “Singing Clergy,” the married couple began their lives together in the circus. The couple went to South Africa and joined Rooster’s Circus in order to be able to entertain British troops during World War II, they had to join the Army. They became members of a group of entertainers called the “Crazy Gang.” A number of the group had been members of the “Crazy Gang” of the circus and of the world’s history, noting that “It was the fourth birthday party for Quinn he has attended. He said Quinn has lived through wars, wars, and wars of the world, saying that “They booked acts all over the world,” Perrotti said. “They were so good, they were able to travel around the country,” Quinn said. “I was just so happy.”

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