Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner joined with the Mount Sinai Senior Citizens Club to recognize "centenarian" Beatrice Caravella at her 100th birthday celebration on Tuesday, September 6. Beatrice was born Beatrice Mercatante on September 9, 1916 in Brooklyn to parents who emigrated from Sicily. She met her husband, Fred, while attending church and together they had two children, Marilyn and Richard. Beatrice and Fred were instrumental in spearheading a Pentecostal Church in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. They lived in Richmond Hill and Franklin Square before retiring to Miller Place. Beatrice was widowed in 1985 after 41 years of marriage.

Beatrice is an avid reader, and in retirement happily volunteered her time and service in hospitals, nursing homes, churches, and to help those less fortunate than herself. Today she has four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She still lives in her own home and was thrilled to be celebrate this milestone birthday with her family and friends.

The Mount Sinai Senior Citizen Club celebrated Beatrice's centennial birthday with coffee and cake at Brookhaven's Rose Caracappa Senior Center. Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Bonner presented her with a proclamation declaring September 9, 2016, as Beatrice Caravella day in the Town of Brookhaven.

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