

# Woman Observes 100th Birthday, Then Watches Historic Moon Landing

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After celebrating her 100th birthday all day Sunday, a Sharon Hill woman stayed up until 1 a.m. to watch the astronauts explore the surface of the moon.

"I never thought The Lord would allow man to set foot on the moon," said Mrs. Adelaide Corbin of 516 Sharon ave.

"But now that we've done it, I think it's wonderful, wonderful, marvelous," the century-old woman exulted.

## 75 GUESTS

Sunday, some 75 people, including black and white friends, relatives, and four generations of descendants joined Mrs. Corbin in celebrating her 100 years on Earth.

Born in Washington, D.C., in 1869, Mrs. Corbin in her lifetime has seen the first horseless carriage, the first airplane, the first motion picture camera, the first radio, the first jet plane, the first

television set, the first computer, the first manned rocket, and Sunday, of course, the first men on the moon.

## ALERT, WITTY

Cheerful, fully alert, and witty, Mrs. Corbin said throughout her century of life, she has always liked "soul food," especially greens.

Although she did not do any of the cooking for Sunday's reception, Mrs. Corbin said, "Some of them would ask me about some special recipes of mine. . . But maybe they were just being courteous."

Mrs. Corbin feels that The Lord alone is responsible for her long stay here. "Every morning I read the Bible and thank God for sparing me another day. At night I say the Lord's prayer and read another verse from the Bible."

## NINE CHILDREN DEAD

Only four of Mrs. Corbin's 13  
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children have managed to live long enough to see her reach 100. She also has 14 surviving grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great - great-grandchild, Daryl Graham, two.

When her first husband, Aaron Edmunds died, she left Washington and came to Sharon Hill, where she later married Charles Corbin, now deceased.

Now she lives with her daughter, Cordelia Fauntleroy.

She was actually 100 years old on April 4th, and marked that date at a party in Claymount, Del., with her youngest son, Roger W. Corbin, Sr.

But the big party was delayed until Sunday to make it possible for all the other relatives to attend.

— "85th Anniversary" —