



Surrounded by family and friends, Hollywood elder Maggie Osceola celebrates her 95th birthday at the Hollywood ball field and airnasium.

HOLLYWOOD — Heavy morning rains Nov. 22 threatened the activities for Maggie Osceola's 95th birthday, but as the day shifted to afternoon, the clouds disappeared and left a beautiful sky and cool weather for friends and family members to celebrate the milestone in the tribal elder's life.

A water-soaked Hollywood ball field forced the cancellation of a horseshoe tournament, but that didn't stop the kids from playing in the puddles. Jonah Cypress entertained guests by strumming melodies on his guitar that included a selection of country and Christian songs.

When it was time to sing "Happy Birthday" to Maggie, five generations of her children surrounded her.

Justine M. Osceola baked a special birthday cake topped with a chickee made out of chocolate frosting and "Happy Birthday Grandma!" written in red frosting on a white sheet cake.

As the celebration came to a close, the following birthday wishes were given by Maggie's family and friends:

Jimmy Hank Osceola: "Today I want to wish my sister Maggie, happy birthday at the same time we gathered for Thanksgiving dinner. She's doing good, everything looking good and everyone is happy."

Maydell Osceola: "Happy that I have my mother still with me at 95 and I appreciate her. I know she's God's child that I see she lasted this long and I'm happy for her and many, many more."

Mabel Osceola: "Happy Birthday, mom. I love you and many more years to come."

Moses "Moke" Osceola: "I want to wish my Mom a happy birthday today and thank the Lord that she has been with us this long and many, many more."

Leslie Osceola: "I want to wish my grandma Maggie a happy birthday and I love her very much. She has five generations of kids and I want to wish her many blessings and many more."

Eric Osceola: "I want to express my most dearest happy birthday to my grandma. She turned 95 and she has been around a long, long time and she taught me a lot through the years. I appreciate everybody who helped put everything together."

Heather Osceola: "I just want to wish my grandma a happy birthday and I'm so thankful that she's here for me to see her and many more to come."

Jonah Cypress: "Thank God for letting her bless our lives."

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