

Chief Robert Pudney
The Beech Mountain Volunteer Fire Department
P. O. Box 436
Beech Mountain, North Carolina 26804
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Dear Chief Pudney,

I have never before in my life experienced sitting in my living room and hearing a fire truck horn, Ugg,ugg, and fire truck sirens wailing away coming down my street! I rushed out to my top deck and looked right and left to see where the trucks might be going and where the fire was. I looked down at my lower deck because the trucks stopped right in front of my house! Where is the fire?

Then I saw you and other members and friends coming up my walkway carrying a birthday cake, flowers, and cards. Members of the fire department were getting out of the trucks to say, "Happy Birthday, Betty." I realized you were all coming to my house, not to put out a fire, but to celebrate my 90th birthday. What a surprise. It is worth being 90 years old to have my birthday honored in such a unique manner.

A Big Thank You to you and all the members of the Department for making my birthday an occasion I shall never forget. I know these words are inadequate to express how much I appreciate this gesture. It has been a rewarding time in my life to be a member of this Department. I have tried to do what little I have been able to help it become what it is, the absolute best fire department around.

Thanks to all of you for helping me celebrate my birthday. You are very special to me, and you are a great asset to the Town of Beech Mountain.

Sincerely,
Betty Redman France

