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# Eleanor Plumer of Lee honored with Boston Post Cane

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LEE— Sitting in Eleanor Plumer's kitchen is a wooden acknowledgment of being the oldest resident of the Lee community. At 99, she's received the Boston Post Cane and a certificate in her honor.

On Monday, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, John LaCourse, along with Town Administrator, Julie Glover, presented Plumer with the honor at her home.

The cane presentation was scheduled for a town meeting earlier in the month, but Plumer was unable to attend.

She's been a resident of the town for about 80 years, according to her grandson and caretaker, Joseph William Plumer, who was there with his sister when she received the honorable cane.

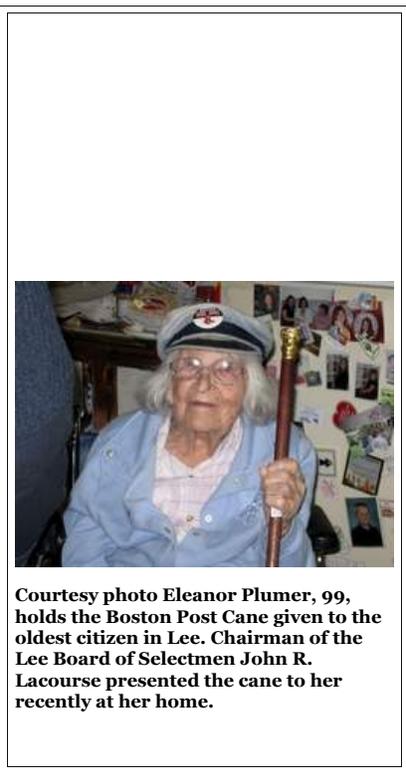
He said on Tuesday, she took it with her to the doctor's office and library to show it off.

"I thought it was great," he said.

Though she has difficulty hearing and was unable to speak much on the phone to Foster's, her grandson asked Plumer what she thought of being the Boston Post Cane recipient.

"It's an honor, I suppose," she said.

Joseph said his grandmother is very proud of her cane and will always keep it within arm's reach, near the certificate she received, now hanging on the wall.



Courtesy photo Eleanor Plumer, 99, holds the Boston Post Cane given to the oldest citizen in Lee. Chairman of the Lee Board of Selectmen John R. Lacourse presented the cane to her recently at her home.

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and will always keep within eyesight, near the certificate she received, now hanging on the wall.

Plumer's favorite activity through out life is growing flowers around her 77 Mast Road home's property. Unfortunately, Joseph hasn't been able to keep up with tending to lawn-care while living with her since he stays near her most every day.

He said she suffers a bit from short term memory loss, which makes it difficult to leave her side.

He does, however, make sure to get up each morning and refill her birdfeeders.

"I still do that for her," he said.

His grandmother was an avid bird watcher, something she does with a friend.

Though suffering short-term memory loss, it seems her long-term memory is doing just fine. Joseph said, "She can tell me what all the birds are just by looking at them."

She keeps all kinds of binoculars handy so she can take a look at the birds that come by to visit.

"She knows when to watch for them," Joseph said.

When she's not watching the birds, she loves watching shows on television, especially the soap operas. Her grandson said she was upset with the recent ending of one of her favorites, but she always finds another show for entertainment.

On their days together, Joseph say she just tries to keep her laughing.

He intends to keep her around for years to come, saying maybe she'll even hold the record for being the longest-living resident in the town.

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