

# Georgia McBride

## Remembering when the lights came on...

Georgia McBride will celebrate her 100th birthday later this year. She recently sat down and recollected on her childhood without electricity. She grew up several miles past Ross Bridge in Pulaski County. It wasn't until she was 20 or 21 years old that she moved to her Pop and Granny's in Duke that she had electricity.

She remembers simpler times: cooking on the wood heating stove in the middle of the house when they wanted a hot meal, and storing their cold goods, like jars of milk, in the spring, just half a mile from the house. When she moved to Duke and had electricity, she no longer needed a lantern for light in the early mornings and evenings, and she didn't have to fetch water from the spring. She said, "Having a fridge was okay...it was fancy, but the best part was having running water."

