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Still voting at 99 years young!

October 28, 2020 - State College, PA – Still voting after all these years, State College resident Bernadette Witzig, age 99, cast her absentee ballot in the U.S. General Election on Tuesday, October 20. Mrs. Witzig resides at Juniper Village at Brookline in State College. She was assisted by Juniper activities aide Sara Scott and her daughter Leah Witzig, who read to Mrs. Witzig from the League of Women Voters' *Voters Guide*.

Mrs. Witzig placed her ballot in the USPS locked mail slot in the lobby of Juniper Brookline.

Bernadette Witzig was born in 1921 and cast her first vote for a U.S. president in 1944. She confirmed to her daughter Leah that she voted for Franklin Roosevelt. Mrs. Witzig has cast a ballot in 19 presidential elections since then spanning over 76 years.

Mrs. Witzig has always emphasized that voting is a privilege, a right, and a responsibility. She modeled this to her young children by taking them with her to the polls. The message stuck. Her children followed that example with their children on Election Day. Today that tradition continues with Mrs. Witzig's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, four generations in all. Bernadette remarked proudly while voting last week, "that's quite a legacy!"

Juniper Village at Brookline, located in State College, PA, is a five-building campus providing personal care, memory care and skilled nursing to its residents.

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