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In The opening moments of every gathering of the Writers all are asked to mention anything on their mind, story, joke, news. That was the case on the morning of March 12, 2018. That was when I failed o speak up up on a topic I had in mind.

In earlier member listings the birth date of each was noted. I transferred these to my computer. Thant reminds me the days before that each such event that it is pending. On Sunday 11 March up came the reminder, on Monday March 12, Carol Gauntlett would celebrate her birthday..

Long a valued contributor in rhyme and verse to our entertainment I knew all here would like to serenade her that morning. Had a short introduction in mind, plus the card from which I could play the Happy Birthday song for us to serenade her.

Carol was lways punctual onMonday mornings, I still expected her arrive even s we went through the formal comments that Morning. Then, too late, I did not speak up.

This was to my great regret, when we later learn that Carol had died earlier.

I regret my failure then, have long wanted to remind you fellow writers, serenade a wonderful producer of message in rhyme and verse to our eternal benefil..This late date join me

in final formal mention of Carol Gauntlett, our friend and contributor.... Happy (last) birthday, Carol.

A short time drier we said that final good-bye to kay I only mention tis because of an anomaly, whtch was was that nether had a n obituary published in the Denver Post.

A sign of our time .

And a reminder of an earlier moment when the census was counting a large number of men and women over 100 living in certain pocket of thee States. On a intensive study, it was earned gh almost l-all of these individuals had died earlier. .Theie demise not reported. One big reason, they had been the sole support of the family, their pension (from any source, but most often from the government, and the checks were their livelihood.

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