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Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio issue the following statement on the passing of Mrs. Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka Blas, Guam's oldest centenarian:

“Guam has lost a true *maga'håga* in Mrs. Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka Blas. Mrs. Blas was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother who touched the lives of many. After living through the horrors of two world wars, Mrs. Blas went on to become an active member of society as a teacher at Talofof Elementary School and parishioner of San Miguel Church. To the entire Blas family and those that knew her, we send our deepest condolences,” said Governor Leon Guerrero.

“Not many people can say they've lived through two world wars, decades of public service as a teacher, and enjoyed fifty years of retirement from a life well led,” stated Lieutenant Governor Tenorio. **“Her influence as a teacher can be seen through the hundreds of students that passed through the doors of the former Padre Palomo School and Talofof Elementary School. As we mourn her passing, let us remember Mrs. Blas for the life she lived.”**

At the time of her passing on June 24, 2020, she was the oldest living person on Guam at 105 years old.

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