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**LOUISE MANDRELL JOINS OTHER DIGNITARIES  
TO CELEBRATE JEANETTE RUDY'S 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

*More Than 250 Turn Out For Birthday Bash At Milky Way Farms*

**LYNNVILLE, TENN.** – Country music legend Louise Mandrell joined a host of other music, business, political and civic leaders from all over Middle Tennessee on October 21 to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Nashville philanthropist, businesswoman, conservationist and civic leader Jeanette Rudy and her twin sister Geneva. The event was held at the prestigious Milky Way Farms, an estate built by candy bar king Frank Mars of Milky Way and Snickers fame.

The guest list included businessmen Ray Bell and Sam Hatcher, Janet Miller of the Nashville Chamber, artist Phil Ponder, former Metro Nashville Police Chief Joe Casey, Congressman Jim Cooper, Pulaski Mayor Dan Speer and others who have served alongside Rudy on her numerous philanthropic and civic causes.

Rudy, a longtime Smithsonian National Postal Museum benefactor, was instrumental in the founding of the Dan Rudy Cancer Center at St. Thomas Hospital – named in honor of her late husband who was the founder of Rudy's Country Farm Sausage – as well as the Jeanette Rudy School of Nursing at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., and initiatives that have supported families of local law enforcement officers. In addition, Rudy, an avid hunter and conservationist, served for years with distinction as a member of Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Commission.

During the birthday celebration, Rudy received a key to the City of Pulaski as a tribute to her leadership in organizing the Governor's One Shot Turkey Hunt held in Giles County, and a letter was read aloud from Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen in which he praised her as a "one of our state's great treasures." The Governor, who could not attend Rudy's event because he was in China on state business, wrote that Rudy's "passion for the outdoors and love of nature are boundless, and your [her] generosity over the years that has allowed other fellow Tennesseans to share in your [her] passion is unrivaled."

Joining Louise Mandrell as a co-host for the birthday event was Charles Ausburn, current owner of Milky Way Farms, located just south of Columbia on Interstate 65. Ausburn is restoring Milky Way Farms' majestic stone structures that were built by the Mars family in the 1930s. The event for Rudy was held in the 20,000 square-foot grand Milky Way Manor House, which serves as the club house for Ausburn's planned golf and equestrian residential development now underway on the property.

Located just outside of Lynnville, Tenn., historic Milky Way Farms offers home sites of varying arrangements, including estate lots, lake cottages, equestrian cottages and condos. To learn more about Milky Way Farms, call 1-800-869-9788. Milky Way Farms can also be found online at [www.milkywayfarmstn.com](http://www.milkywayfarmstn.com).