**In Memoriam**

**Onzain Twinning Founder, Colette Bouffault,**

**aged 103 years**

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My very good friend, and fellow Twinning enthusiast, Colette Bouffault, recently died at the age of 103 years. She was one of the first five Onzain Town Councillors to come to |Darley Dale for the signing of the twinning agreement in 1989, and her support never wavered for the rest of her life.

 In addition, she was a talented painter, sculptor, and jewellery designer. She wrote and illustrated a number of books and pamphlets on the history of Onzain, and she persuaded their Council to fund and open a small museum, which she helped to oversee. She designed medals for the Council’s use, and also labels for the local vineyard, who provided her and her husband, Guy, with free wine for the rest of their lives as payment!

 She started a class to teach English to anyone who was interested. She loved everything English, and always insisted on speaking English when she was with me, to the detriment of my French speaking skills!

 She was an active member of Onzain Twinning Committee until her last years. She and her husband always came to Twinning Exchanges, staying with me, and often extending their visit to go to other parts of the UK with me.

 No wonder she was awarded a medal by the French Government for her services to Onzain.

 Oh and she liked to talk, at length, whenever the opportunity arose!

A long life, well lived.