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Labor Matriarch Passes Away

The Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson has paid tribute to long-time Labor Party stalwart Peg Nelson.

Mrs Nelson died in Alice Springs at the age of 96 on Tuesday. She was the widow of Jock Nelson, who played a significant role in the development of the Territory.

“Peg was a warm, down-to-earth woman who enjoyed a good laugh and was the inspiration to generations of Territorians, especially women,” Mr Henderson said.

“She supported Jock Nelson as he took on many roles that helped form the Territory – from being the Member of Stuart and a foundation Member of the Legislative Council to the longest serving Territory Member of the House of Representatives, the Mayor of Alice Springs and Administrator of the Territory.

“Peg was passionate about the Labor Party and remained a strong supporter to the end.

“On behalf of all my Labor Party colleagues, I offer my sincerest condolences to Peg’s daughters Patsy and Louanne and their families.

“Peg will be sadly missed but I know her legacy will live on.”

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