

# Talk About Change

World's Oldest Man Dies at 113 in New York

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Fred Hale Sr., documented as the world's oldest man, watched his lifelong favorite baseball team, the Boston Red Sox, win the World Series again after 86 years. Hale is one of the few people on earth that witnessed the Red Sox win two World Series. He was 27 years old when it happened the previous time.

The world's oldest man died just 12 days shy of his 114th birthday. Hale was quite a remarkable man. At 103, he was still living on his own and shoveling the snow off his rooftop.

Hale also was a Guinness record-holder for the oldest driver. At age 108, he still found slow drivers annoying.

Consider the remarkable changes you've seen in your lifetime and then try to imagine the breathtaking changes Fred Hale Sr. experienced during his long life. Some changes, like the Red Sox winning another World Series, come slowly but others come with blinding speed.

I'm selling my old car right now. It has a CB radio in it. That was hot technology for communicating on the road when the car was new. I'm sure I won't get any more for money for the car because it has the CB radio - unless it would be from a nostalgic collector. Cellular telephones have made CB radios seem antique. And cell phone technology is changing rapidly. Some now include a GPS locator, Palm Pilot PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), or full motion video camera.

Not only are more changes occurring now than ever before, the rate of change is accelerating. In the next 5 years, you will experience more change than you have up until now in your lifetime.

Are you doing business the same way you were 5 years ago? If so, you are probably falling behind. Look at the changes around you and transform your business to take full advantage of them. Begin to revamp your business now so that it will be dramatically different, and up to date, 5 years from now.

I encourage you to be like Fred Hale Sr. who, at age 95, flew to Japan to visit a grandson who was in the Navy. While en route back to the United States, he stopped in Hawaii and gave boogie-boarding a try!

Enjoy thrill while riding the waves of change!

By the way, the world's oldest living man is now Hermann Dornemann, of Germany, age 111. There are 26 living woman older than him, according to Gerontology Research Group.

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