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D'Amatos expect second child

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Former three-time U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato has earned his share of headlines this year but, for him, none quite so big as this one: D'Amato, 71, is expecting his second child with wife Katuria, 43.

The couple, who in July will have been married for five years, are expecting the new bundle of joy in October. Their first child, Alfonso Marcello, is 14 months old, born on Super Tuesday.

D'Amato, who runs the consultancy Park Strategies, has four children from his previous marriage and 14 grandchildren.

The former senator is elated. "Our little Alfonso is a joy, and we would have been happy just with him. But giving him a little baby brother or sister - we are so blessed. It makes our family complete."

D'Amato waves off the matter of his age. "I've got good genes. Papa will be 96 in May and Mama is 94," he says, referring to his parents. "Age today is nothing. I still don't have an AARP card."

Katuria D'Amato, formerly an attorney in Manhattan with Proskauer Rose, and now a member of the Town of Hempstead Board of Zoning Appeals, concurs.

"The good thing is that Alfonse is at a place in his life where if he wants to take time off he can, and he does, to hang with our little guy." She says the pregnancy was not a surprise. "I so value the relationship I have with my siblings (she has two sisters and a brother) - the shared life and experiences - and I really wanted Alfonso to have that."

So the question is: Will it be a brother or a sister for young Alfonso?

Katuria D'Amato said, "I think our decorating plans for the future will include a new color. Pink."

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