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A special celebration

Belleville resident and retired nurse Vivian Grose turns 100 on June 30, and Tabernacle United Church was the setting for a birthday party attended by more than 50 family members, friends, colleagues and neighbors Sunday afternoon. Congratulations for Grose also came in the form of letters from Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Prince Edward-Hastings MP Lyle Vanclief and Oshawa MP and nephew Ivan Grose. She received her nurse's training at Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia, Ont., worked briefly at Belleville General, and had a long-term partnership with former Belleville physician Dr. Sam Cronk. Grose, who retired approximately 25 years ago, enjoyed the tribute, which she followed by cutting her birthday cake.

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