



Members of the Halton Police's Reconstruction Unit work at the scene of Saturday's accident at Mohawk Race Track where an Acton woman was struck and killed by a vehicle as she was walking into the casino.

Photo by Graham Paine

Family mourning loss of 'everybody's mom'

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A Halton Regional Police constable, who was at Mohawk on an unrelated matter, reached Teal almost immediately, but she was unresponsive and had no vital signs. Paramedics pronounced her dead at the scene.

The driver of the Kia, a 77-year-old Oakville woman, whose name police also did not release, was uninjured but became distressed and was transported to hospital as a precaution.

Halton Police Collision Reconstruction Unit officers were called to the racetrack and took over the investigation. A portion of the roundabout was closed for several hours while reconstructionists collected evidence and forensically mapped the scene.

The investigation is ongoing. Sgt. Davies said Teal was in the crosswalk at the time of the impact.

He said the sun was low on the horizon when the incident occurred and that the driver, "would have been pretty well driving into direct sunlight."

Davies said there were two security cameras at the entrance. Police have seen the one video, however, the incident was blocked by a pillar. Police are still awaiting the arrival of the second video to do analysis on it.

"We are hoping the actual incident is captured," said Davies.

Police believe there were several witnesses, but Davies said none have come forward. Witnesses are urged to call Det.

Const. Kevin Rye or Det. Const. Dave McDougall at 905-878-5511 ext. 5065.

Security from both Mohawk Race Track and the OLG, as well as the OPP Casino Investigation and Enforcement Bureau assisted investigators with the incident.

Rob Teal said his mother, who has lived in Acton for approximately 25 years, loved playing the slots.

"She loved the casino," he said.

She worked as an assistant cook and housekeeper at Upper Canada College in Norval for 17 years, and was thinking about retiring in the next couple of years.

Rob said her two grandchildren Damian, 4 and Eden 2, were her world.

"She was a proud grandma."

He said she was "everybody's mom."

"I've got friends who call her mom," he said.

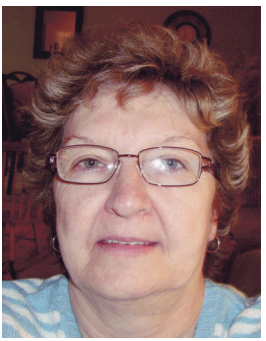
Two years ago his mother battled cancer, Rob said.

"She went through all the treatment and was in remission with a near clean bill of health," he said.

Teal is survived by her son Rob, daughter-in-law Dawn, grandchildren Damian and Eden, and siblings Allan and Bonnie Pyle. She is pre-deceased by her parents Veleta and Ed Pyle and brother Laurie.

Following Teal's wishes there will be no formal funeral.

Friends and family are welcome to attend a casual celebration of life on Friday, Oct. 14 at the Royal Canadian Legion, 15 Wright Ave. in Acton from 3 to 7 p.m.



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