



Emergency workers remove Milton Taxi driver Lisa Broatch from her crumpled vehicle after her cab collided with a Neilson Dairy truck on Ninth Line Wednesday afternoon. Georgetown youngster Alex Bonehill, 9, who was riding in the back seat of the cab, was killed. Broatch is in St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto in serious but stable condition. Another boy riding in the cab escaped injury.

Photo by Ted Brown

## Crash claims life of Georgetown youngster

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program at the Milton school that began Monday.

Karen King, a friend of the Bonehill family said Alex was attending The Learning Centre at the school. She said Alex was taking a cab to and from Milton and the board spokesperson said it was provided by the school board.

"When a child needs transportation, (and) it's just a couple of kids to a particular school, they're taken in a cab rather than a bus," said Marnie Denton of Halton District School Board. She added the board has used the Milton Taxi company to drive students for at least 10 years.

King said Alex had lots of friends, and many were not in school Thursday because of the tragedy.

"He really liked his bike, he liked his skateboard. He was just a neat kid," said King, whose son Thomas was a close friend of the boy.

She described Alex as "busy" and recalls the time his mother Kelly Bonehill asked to borrow her ladder because Alex was on the roof of the garage and couldn't get down.

"He was full of life, he was a daredevil, but he loved to cuddle," said Kelly.

Denton said staff and students at Harrison School were told Thursday morning about Alex's death.

"They're very sad and upset about the tragedy of losing a classmate," said Denton. She added the board's Tragic Events Response Team has been at the school helping staff and students cope.

"Alexander was an all-round great kid, terrific in math, had many friends and was an active participant in school," said a teacher.

Alex is survived by his mother Kelly, father Nick, brother Jeffrey, grandparents Flora Drumm and Bernard and Christine Bonehill, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be at J.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral will be held at Georgetown Alliance Church Monday at 2 p.m.

Halton Police are asking anyone with information about the accident to call 905-878-5511 ext. 5108.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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