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# 100 years old

## Gladys Barrow celebrates milestone birthday at Allendale

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Ask Gladys Barrow about the size of her family and you shouldn't expect a quick response.

But don't chalk that up to a failing memory.

After all, 14 grandchildren, more than two dozen great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren — the youngest of whom is about 11 — is a lot for anyone to keep track of.

"Oh dear, there's a lot of them," the elderly woman told the *Champion* Wednesday morning from her room at Allendale long-term care facility. "They all call me Nana."

As Miltonians welcome the start of spring this weekend, four generations of Barrows — both here and in Gladys' native England — will have a much bigger reason to celebrate.

Today Nana turns 100.

Not surprising to those who know her well, Gladys is taking the milestone in stride.

"I haven't really given it that much thought, to be honest," she said. "I think my children are more excited about it than me."

That seems quite characteristic of the recent Allendale arrival, who was never one

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**CELEBRATING A MILESTONE:** Allendale resident Gladys Barrow is 100 years old today, and she's taking it all in stride.

## Mar. 28 vigil to honour crash victims

By Stephanie Hounsell  
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On March 30, 1984, 13-year-old Kelly Simon's life changed forever when she became the sole survivor of a car/train crash that killed six of her friends.

It was a tragedy that shook Milton to its core, leaving families, friends and even strangers grieving over what was the worst accident of its kind in the town's history.

Nearing its 25th anniversary, Simon still mourns and couldn't forget the events of that night if she tried.

"It is a huge part of my past," she said simply.

On Saturday, Mar. 28, a vigil will take place at 8 p.m. at Rotary Park off Mill Street to remember the six teens who died: Chris Redden, Kim Burns, Traci Snow, Bruno Gazzola, Sean Zardo and Joanne Vaar.

Simon is part of the group that organized the event, and said the vigil, which should last about an hour, is about remembering and sharing. People who knew the teens personally or who simply want to honour them are invited.

Candles and bright yellow ribbons imprinted with "03/30/84" will be distributed.

"It really is a big part of our past and I think it affected so many people in so many ways," Simon said from her home in Bracebridge, explaining Milton was much smaller and tighter-

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