

NEWS

Milton's Violet Arnold calls herself 100 years young

By Julie Slack
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Violet Arnold doesn't need to think long to recall the happiest moment in her 100-year life: her wedding day in 1933.

Just seconds after asking her the highlight of her life, she said "the day I got married."

Without a doubt, love and family rank at the top of this Milton centenarian's priorities. She'll celebrate her birthday with a party for close friends and family this weekend, while she'll officially turn 100 next Thursday.

Witty, chatty and totally mobile, Arnold calls herself "100 years young." She could easily pass for much younger, and she still lives in the house she and her late husband Henry, who died in 1996 when he was 84, built in 1979. He was her school sweetheart and the love of her life. They had three children Don, Fred and Joyce (Plant).

Time passed fast for Violet, born when the First World War had just begun and Canada's population was just under eight million. Bread was six cents a loaf. Farmers worked the land and folks generally constructed their



Violet Arnold will turn 100 years old on April 16.
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own homes.

"It passed quickly," she said. "Seems like just yesterday I was celebrating my 90th."

Violet (nee Cripps) was born in Toronto; her parent sailed from England to Canada in 1912. She and her siblings worked long days on the family farm near Markham.

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