

No regrets as Gertie set to turn 106

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whom she met in grade school, July 11, 1928. They had four children.

Not one to have much idle time, when Mrs. Moses wasn't working or raising her four children, she helped out on the McCowan Road family farm she and her husband bought in 1946.

Her hands remain strong when she greets you with a handshake.

Mrs. Moses attended a local Baptist church regularly and taught Sunday school until her late 80s. She was also an avid pianist and boater.

Asked if she had any regrets or wished she could do something she never had the chance to do, Mrs. Moses bluntly said "Oh no. If it's done. It's done."

"When she relaxed, she relaxed. When she worked, she worked," said her son Lorne. "Mother used to say as you

grow older, time goes faster. I don't know her speed now."

The farm was sold when Mrs. Moses was 88.

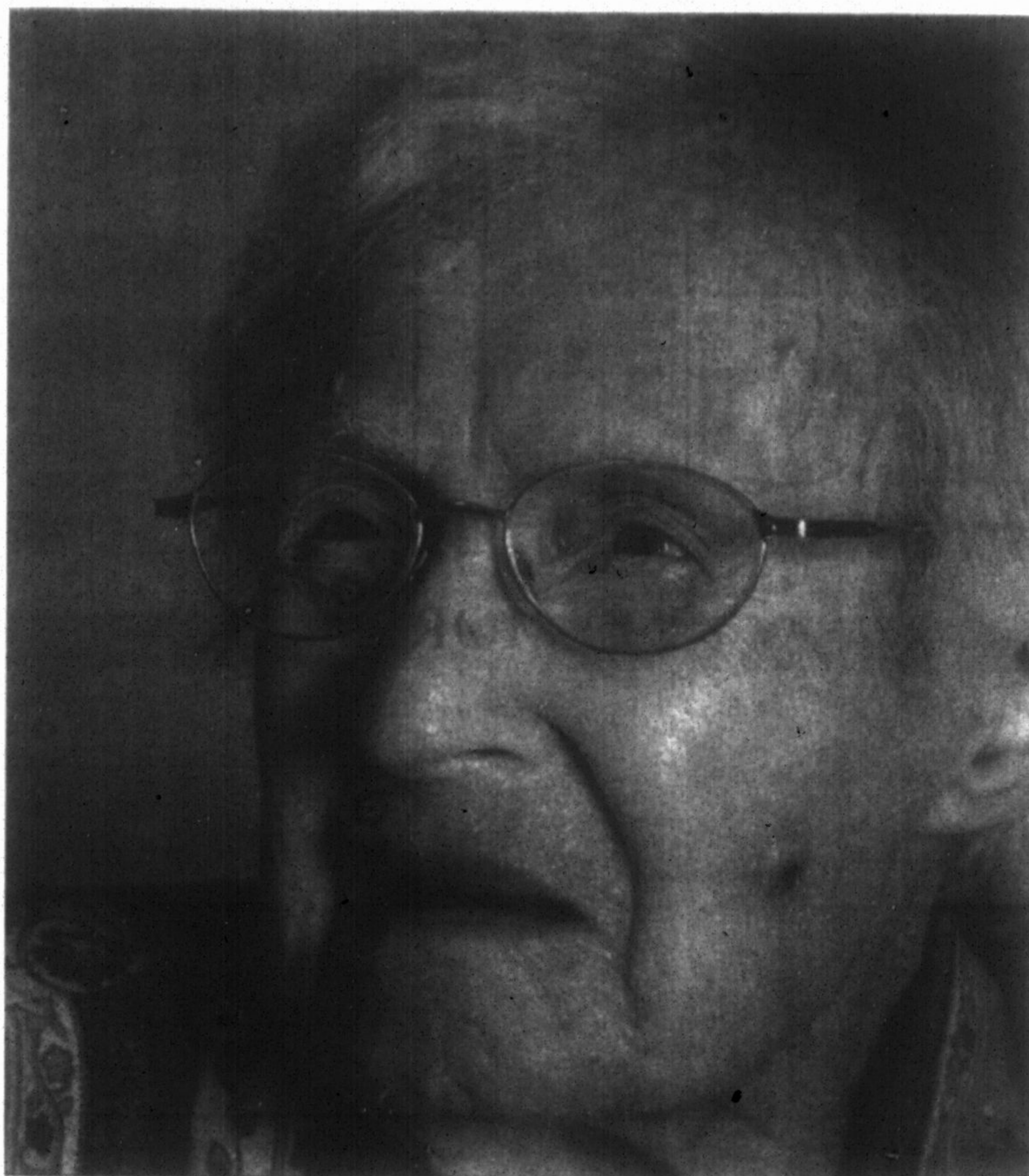
The widow moved into an apartment in Markham before coming to Stouffville's Parkview Home on Weldon Road.

She is the home's oldest resident.

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Mrs. Moses' family has grown to include 15 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

"You couldn't ask for a better mum," Mr. Moses said. "She was loving and if she had to be tough, you found out about it in a nice way."



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Gertrude Moses was an honour roll student and business school graduate who worked as a secretary for a pharmaceutical company and accounting firm and as a stenographer for deputy ministers in Ontario's legislature. The oldest resident at Parkview Home in Stouffville turns 106 Monday.



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