

Centenarian celebrated

Grande Provence pulled out all the stops to spoil one of Franschhoek's oldest residents, *Tannie* Thelma van Rensburg, by treating her and her friends to an unforgettable 100th birthday tea.

One of the bright and colourful characters of Fleur de Lis Retirement Home in Franschhoek, the centenarian blew out her candles and tucked into cake and tea with her friends and care givers at the beautiful Grande Provence Heritage Wine Estate.

"It's not everyday someone in your town turns 100. Such moments truly deserve to be celebrated, that's why Grande Provence was thrilled to host this event especially during heritage month," said Sumarie Elliott, Grande Provence Events Manager.

With no grandchildren or great grandchildren to keep her company, having outlived both her husband who passed away in 1953, and her only daughter who died in 1975, Fleur de Lis has been home to *Tannie* Thelma for the past eight years.

Tannie Thelma spent most of her life in Springbok where she worked as a floor manager at the Gleb family store. As a keen tennis player in her younger days, she attributes her secret to long life to her active nature. Even now that she is confined to a wheelchair, *Tannie* Thelma remains active and spends her days knitting and eagerly awaiting the next arts and craft class with her Fleur de Lis family.



Grande Provence Chef Darren Badenhorst helps *Tannie* Thelma van Rensburg blow out the candles on her 100th birthday cake.