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and others who may have witnessed the tragedy unfold on a busy street near Downtown Burlington on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

On Monday, the railroad crossing became the site of an impromptu memorial, with many people leaving flowers, candles and others gestures of mourning.

Otto, who arrived on a bicycle, said he sometimes pedals around the same railroad crossing gates when he is certain he can cross safely before the train arrives.

But acknowledging the danger of such actions, he said he may reconsider that approach.

"It should be an eye-opener for those that try to beat the train," he said.

Swift, who lives down the street, walked her dog to the railroad crossing Monday to observe and



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A pedestrian plants flowers Monday along the railroad tracks in Burlington near where 16-year-old Jack Meyers was killed a day earlier when police say he rode his bicycle in front of an approaching train.

reflect.

She said people do not realize the danger of railroad crossings, including the fact that fast-moving trains simply cannot stop quickly.

Swift said schools should

teach children about the dangers of ignoring railroad crossing safety guidelines.

"I think we need more education on how to handle the tracks," she said. "I don't want to see another accident happen."