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**Message on the passing of Mrs. Lucille Louisy-Walwyn**

**The following is a statement on the passing of Mrs. Lucille Louisy-Walwyn by Principal Nursing Officer, Dr. Rhondalyn Dennis-Bradshaw:**

Good day, Nursing Colleagues,

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Mrs. Lucille Louisy-Walwyn MBE, State Registered Nurse and State Certified Midwife, a trailblazer in the nursing profession and a revered figure in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. Mrs. Louisy-Walwyn served as the First Matron and First Principal Nursing Officer, leaving an indelible mark on the healthcare landscape of our nation.



As we mourn the loss of a visionary leader and beloved colleague, I extend my deepest condolences to Mrs. Louisy-Walwyn's family, friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing her. Her legacy will forever be cherished and remembered fondly by the nursing fraternity in St. Kitts and Nevis.

During the late 1950s, Mrs. Louisy-Walwyn played a pivotal role in the advancement of nursing education, spearheading initiatives to improve the quality of nursing services. She coordinated Leadership and Management Workshops, emphasizing joint planning and programming of nursing services to enhance patient care in both hospital and community settings. Her commitment to professional development led to the establishment of Sister Tutor positions at the JNF General Hospital School of Nursing, paving the way for the training of Registered General Nurses and Certified Midwives to meet the evolving needs of our healthcare system.

Mrs. Louisy-Walwyn's vision extended beyond our borders, as she advocated for nursing exchange programs in Public Health Nursing. Under her guidance, senior Public Health nurses embarked on attachments in Primary Health Care in Barbados, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange within the region.

As Principal Nursing Officer, Mrs. Louisy-Walwyn championed the introduction of new categories of health personnel, including Community Health Aides and Nursing Assistants, to address the growing demands of healthcare delivery.

A crowning achievement of Mrs. Louisy-Walwyn's illustrious career was the registration process for nurses and midwives in St. Kitts, Nevis, and Anguilla. Through her tireless efforts and collaboration with the legal department of the Government, she facilitated the registration of Registered General Nurses and Certified Midwives, opening doors for professional nurses to practice across the Caribbean region.

Mrs. Lucille Louisy-Walwyn's dedication and contributions to the nursing profession did not go unnoticed. She was recognized with the Silver Jubilee Medal by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, and she was honored with the Member of the British Empire medal by Her Majesty the Queen of England.

In her own words, Mrs. Louisy-Walwyn's message to future nurses resonates with timeless wisdom: ""One must see nursing not as a job but as a profession and enter this profession with an open mind. The main objective of nursing is to develop nursing skills that would facilitate good nursing care."

Today, as we bid farewell to a pioneer, a mentor, and a friend, let us honor Mrs. Lucille Louisy-Walwyn's enduring legacy by upholding the values of professionalism, compassion, and excellence in nursing. Her spirit will continue to inspire generations of nurses to come, as we carry forward her legacy of service and dedication to the noble profession of nursing.

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Rest in peace, dear colleague. Your memory will forever remain in our hearts.

Signed

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