

Tribute for
Mrs Louraine Marjorie Emmanuel

From

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It is with great sadness The Cave Hill unit of the CGDS family learnt of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Mrs Louraine Marjorie Emmanuel. I first met Louraine in February 1993 in Kingston. This was at a meeting sponsored by the Commonwealth of Learning and International Development Research Centre between colleagues from CGDS and two Canadian universities to develop course modules in gender and development. That first meeting extended into a very warm friendship and solid working relationship over a period of fifteen years. The Cave Hill staff remember Mrs Emmanuel as someone who could get them to comply with the requests for information and reports in the nicest of ways, sometimes resorting to sugar coated terms of endearment that made them laugh, even as they knew there was some more work to be done. I remember Louraine's sharp wit, her large expressive eyes, her mischievous smile, and her ultimate threat that she hopes she does not have to resort to the use of the past plu perfect tense, in dealing with someone who did not seem to be getting the message.

Louraine worked faithfully in CGDS , was proud of our collective accomplishments and played a significant role in keeping the Campus units integrated into the regional structure. I remember how proud she felt at our tenth anniversary celebrations on the Mona Campus in 2003. She was part of that path breaking work that created and now sustains CGDS. Her passing marks a turning point in our development. We are beyond our age of innocence when as a UWI institution, we celebrate the life of one of our founding mothers . Louraine, the Cave Hill CGDS family feels blessed to have known you. We celebrate and give God thanks for your life. Rest in peace

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