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Minister Kazim Hosein extends sincere condolences on the passing of centenarian, former Chairman and Councillor, Mr. Lewis John-Williams.

November 12th, 2020 Kent House, Maraval – On behalf of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, I wish to extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of former Chairman and Councillor under the St. Patrick County Council, Mr. Lewis John-Williams.

Mr. Williams was among the pioneers of local government, having been elected a County Councillor in the St. Patrick County under the People's National Movement (PNM) administration in 1968. He was the first PNM Councillor to ever be elected in the Ward of Cedros and served the burgesses for fifteen (15) years with humility and compassion.

Mr. Lewis John-Williams was a true servant of the people and will be fondly remembered for his humble and philanthropic demeanor in service. He was elected Chairman of the St. Patrick County Council in 1974 where he served for eight (8) years. He was instrumental in the formation of the Cedros Community Resource Foundation which greatly assisted entrepreneurs and farmers, during a time where the coconut and fishing industries were experiencing a sharp decline.

His servitude to the people of his community and by extension his country was unwavering; and for this he will be dearly missed by not only the local government family but by all the people whose lives he would have impacted over his 100 years.

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Minister Kazim Hosein says Chairman Williams was a true stalwart saying, "Though the local government fraternity has changed extensively since the establishment of county councils, we will always cherish the work that was done by individuals like Mr. Williams. His foundation and stellar contribution makes him a great exemplar to the young and aspiring Councillors and Chairmen in local government."

My prayers are with the family and loved ones of Mr. Lewis John-Williams during this difficult time. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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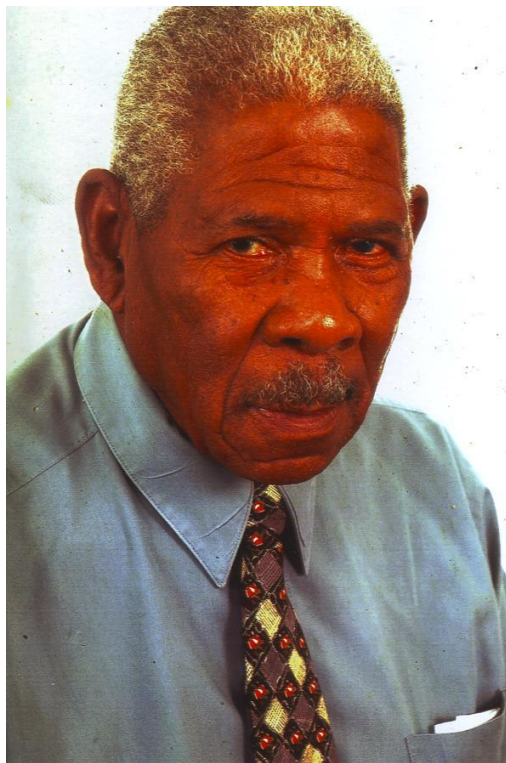


Image: Former Chairman and Councillor, Mr. Lewis John-Williams

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