

Carlene Haynes-Griffith

1973-2018



The National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago offers heart felt condolences to family and friends sharing the loss of our sister in sport.

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Monday 17th of September 2018, 9.00 am, Church of the Nazarene, 5 Providence Circular, Arima

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Eulogy, 17 September 2018

Ephraim Serrette, President NAAATT

The Athletic family in Trinidad and Tobago is deeply saddened by the loss of a great person. "So deep is our sorrow, so great is our loss that we know that God is weeping" and today we are gathered here to pay our respect and celebrate the life of Mrs. Carlene Haynes Griffith.

It is indeed an honour for me to pay tribute to Carlene - a friend, colleague, administrator, wife, mother, sister and daughter. In whatever role we knew her, from whatever vantage point, she stood apart as someone special!

Carlene was committed to family and the sport of track and field athletics. Served on the executive then turned Board as treasurer for the past 17 years. She was passionate about enabling the administration of the sport to become better accountable to our stakeholders by continuously completing and providing annual audited statements of the association in a timely manner, a feat never before accomplished prior to my tenure. This achievement was a major cause for our organization to earn the respect of our sponsors as well as winning the annual First Citizens Foundation "Association of the Year" award on six (6) occasions. She supported our transformational agenda in administering the sport as a business. I know that the association can get another treasurer but not another Carlene.

I can stand here for the entire day speaking about this great young woman who also inspired my presidency but will leave room for others to share their own experiences. She was one of my main support and would always be ready to protect my presidency. No one could've said anything bad about her president.

As someone with an accounting background myself, Carlene understood my peeve of accountability and ensured that everything was done to achieve it.

There is one little story I would like to share with you before I close; Carlene had requested a recommendation from me to accompany her resume, when I forwarded the recommendation to her, she called me to ask whether I had sent her the correct document. So pleased, she didn't believe that someone would've described her in such words. I quote:

"I'm delighted to inform you that Carlene is a bright and inquisitive individual with a gift for quantitative and analytical thinking. She is one person who is genuinely passionate about her work and extremely ambitious. Beyond work, Carlene is someone with a strong sense of social responsibility and is a very humane and sensitive person. I have known her to be a pleasant, well-mannered and optimistic young woman with a conscientious approach to work and an exuberant outlook on life."

On behalf of the National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago, I wish to express our heartfelt sympathy.

Her death is a tremendous blow to Trinidad and Tobago Athletics, having served this country with distinction both as an athlete and as an administrator. She will be sadly missed.

With affection and deep sympathy, we pray that God comforts her family both immediate, athletic and other mourners.