

Government mourns passing of Mrs. Irva Baptiste-Blackette

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ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA SEPT. 4, 2020 - GIS: The Government of Grenada says it is with a profound sense of sadness that it has learnt of the passing this week of Mrs. Irva Baptiste- Blackette, composer of the National Anthem of Grenada.

Mrs. Baptiste-Blackette, a former school Principal and music teacher, received the Camehogne Silver Award during the 2009 Independence Celebrations as the writer of the National Anthem.

Prime Minister Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell said Grenada has lost a truly patriotic and dedicated individual, who understood the importance of unity and love for country. "Mrs. Blackette was an extraordinary Grenadian, who put country first. Her composition of the National Anthem serves to distinguish us as a people, and for that, we are eternally grateful."

Mrs. Blackette was an Educator who impacted the lives of thousands of Grenadians, many of whom continue to make a meaningful contribution to this country.

The Government of Grenada extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Irva Baptiste-Blackette.