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Lady Glasspole dies



LADY JOSEPHINE GLASSPOLE, wife of retired Governor-General Sir Florizel Glasspole, died yesterday at her Millsborough home in St. Andrew of a heart attack. She was 13 days away from her 90th birthday.

Lady Glasspole, who was described as being in "relatively good health" died at about 6:00 a.m. as family members prepared to attend church service at Hope Methodist.

She would have celebrated her

90th birthday on January 16. She will be remembered as having a pleasant personality, masking a tough loyalty to her husband and his constituents in the nearly three decades he served in representational politics.

In tributes yesterday, she was hailed as a loyal wife, a true social worker and a model mother.

Prime Minister P. J. Patterson called her "a caring and devoted wife to Sir Florizel and a mother to all who came in contact with her."

The Prime Minister said Lady Glasspole was well known for her long and distinguished career as a voluntary social worker, noting her contribution to several organisations, including the National Children's Home.

Opposition Leader Edward Seaga and the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) said Lady Glasspole "showed exemplary dignity and one hundred per cent care as a professional and voluntary social welfare worker".

Mr. Seaga noted that she helped Sir Florizel "to be a

model head of state - industrious, non-partisan and always most considerate and helpful".

"An outstanding and dedicated patriot who has served her country beyond the call of duty for many decades," is how the People's National Party (PNP) described her.

PNP chairman Robert Pickersgill said Lady Glasspole will be remembered by the party "for her strong supporting role in the pioneering days of the strug-

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gle for Universal Adult Suffrage and the fight for independence". He added, that Lady Glasspole brought grace, charm and dignity to the position of First Lady between 1973-1991.

Born at Victoria Park, Fyffes Pen, St. Elizabeth, Lady Glasspole, daughter of the late Charles Courtnay Kinlocke and Marie Louise Ridley-Kinlocke, attended Little London Primary School and later received private tuition to equip her for a career in social work.

She was patron of many clubs including the National Children's Home, Soroptimists Club, Corona Society, Josephine Glasspole Basic School, Inner Wheel Club and the Josephine Convalescence Home among others.

Her unstinting efforts to chart a better life for many, particularly the poor, elderly and indigent, is indelibly imprinted in the minds of many.

Constituents of East Kingston and Port Royal where her husband served as Member of Parliament for 29 years, have particularly felt the touch of her kind hands.

Hours after her death, Lady Glasspole's daughter, Mrs. Sarah Lou Mena spoke of her mother's many attributes. "She was a very positive, happy, family-oriented person," Mrs. Mena said.