

As the Guard of Honour, comprising members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) stands at attention, another batch carries the flag-draped casket with the body of Ina Josephine Glasspole, wife of former Governor-General, Sir Florizel Glasspole, after an official funeral service at the Coke Methodist Church, downtown Kingston yesterday.

Lady Glasspole bid an emotional farewell

EADY GLASSPOLE, wife of former Governor-General Sir Florizel Glasspole, was laid to rest after an emotional funeral service at Coke Methodist Church in Kingston, vesterday morning.

Kingston, yesterday morning.
Lady Glasspole, who was
described as having contributed immensely to
national development through both political and social
work, was interred in the
Providence Methodist
Cemetery, St. Andrew.

Prominent among the mourners of the day were national leaders, Governor-General Sir Howard Cooke, Prime Minister P.J. Patterson and Opposition Leader, Edward Seaga. Sir Howard read the first lesson,

followed by Mr. Seaga with the second, while Mr. Patterson paid tribute to the deceased. The Reverend Dr. Byron K. Chambers delivered the sermon.

Prime Minister Patterson, in his tribute, described Lady Glasspole as having been a proud daughter of rural Jamaica, who exemplified the dignity and good manners of most young women who were brought up in the country-side.

He noted her tireless political work alongside her husband, who, for years, was Member of Parliament for East Kingston and Port Royal. Similarly, Mr. Patterson pointed to Lady Glasspole's wide accomplishments in the field of social work, where she was noted as having done much to enhance the well-being of women.

Mr. Patterson said although Lady Glasspole proved to be a graceful host to queens, presidents and other visiting dignitaries, "she never lost the common touch, using her status to reach out in service to more members of the community".

The Prime Minister said her passing brought to mind the phrase: "We cannot choose how and when we die, but we can choose how we live."

Lady Glasspole died at home last Sunday while preparing for church.