

## LADY BUSTAMANTE

Lady Gladys Maud Bustamante (nee Longbridge) was born in Ashton, Westmoreland in 1918. She is the daughter of a planter Frank Longbridge and his wife Rebecca and the widow of the late National Hero Sir Alexander Bustamante.

Not much is recorded of her early life except that she was educated at Ashton Primary School and received private tuition at Tutorial College. She has travelled extensively in USA and Europe.

It was in the early thirties that she met Alexander Bustamante, who engaged her as his Secretary.

Subsequently she was at his side through thick and thin, Alexander Bustamante married her on September 7, 1962.

Lady Bustamante's activities included her being the Treasurer of the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union - BITU - since 1938 and a member of the Jamaica Labour Party Executive Council. Over the years she has been engaged in several social activities, arranging treats for children and indigents. She has also been a life member of the Jamaica Labour Party since 1977, an honour which was conferred on her at the 34th Annual Conference of the Party.

Her husband, Sir Alexander Bustamante died on August 6, 1977 at the age of 93 years. She has continued since then with her social activities and in June 1982 Lady Bustamante received the Order of Jamaica, an award won for services to the Trade Union Movement and for general public service.

Today she lives at her home named "Bellencita" in Irish Town, St Andrew.