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Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services extends condolences on the passing of Dame Louise Horne

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services wishes to extend condolences to the family, loved ones, and friends of former independent senator, author and nutritionist, Dame Louise Horne who departed this life on Sunday 28 March 2021 at the age of 107.

Minister of Social Development and Family Services Senator the Honourable Donna Cox in relaying sympathies to the Horne family acknowledged that Dame Horne played a key role in the fight against poverty and inequality through the introduction of the school feeding programme that ensured that no child was left hungry.

Minister Cox also indicated that Dame Horne paved the way for women such as herself to live and dream beyond existing societal and gender norms when she became the first female senator in Trinidad and Tobago in 1976.

Commenting on the need to honour our elders, Minister Cox also indicated that through its Division of Ageing, the Ministry will be developing a more robust nonagenarian and centenarian programme that would celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of older persons to the national and social development of Trinidad and Tobago.

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