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Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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A true national icon – Ministry extends condolences on the passing of Claude Noel

Port-of-Spain --- The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services joins with the national community in extending condolences to the family, loved ones and friends of legendary boxer and national hero, Claude Noel, who departed this life on Sunday May 21, 2023 at the age of seventy-four. Mr Noel, was a recipient of the Ministry's *Special Achievers Grant*, through which eligible nationals are recommended and awarded a monthly sum to cover their daily expenses, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to national development.

Mr. Noel became the country's First World Boxing Association(WBA) Lightweight World Champion when he defeated Mexican boxer Rodolfo Gonzalez in 1981. In recognition of this feat, he received the Chaconia Gold Medal in 1982 and the Claude Noel Highway in Tobago was named after him.

Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, acknowledged that Claude Noel was a forerunner in the field of boxing in Trinidad and Tobago, whose unrelenting determination in the ring brought glory to our nation. His legacy will forever be remembered.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services continues to provide support to our pioneers in all spheres through the provision of our grants and services.

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