

Passing of a Conservation Champion



The Saint Lucia National Trust is saddened by the passing of Mr. Robert J. Devaux OBE, MBE who, among his many accomplishments was a founding member of the Trust and its first Director from 1977 to 1994 and resident researcher from 1994 to 1996. After leaving the employ of the Trust he continued to support the organisation's work as an active member, resource person, volunteer and consultant. An accomplished Historian, researcher and author, Mr. Devaux has made sterling contributions to the development of Saint Lucia, for which he was the recipient of a number of awards and recognition. In his many publications he captured Saint Lucia's history and cultures for posterity. We are all the better for his life and works.

Even as we mourn his passing, we celebrate his life, works and accomplishments.

The Saint Lucia National Trust extends sincere condolences to his wife and family.

Vasantha Chase
Chairperson, Saint Lucia National Trust

Some interesting facts about the late Robert Devaux:

- ✚ Born 1934 (Saint Lucia)
- ✚ Founded the Saint Lucia Research Centre in 1961 (incorporated in 1994)
- ✚ Received a Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 1993
- ✚ Was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire(OBE) in 1991
- ✚ Was inducted into the Tourism Hall of Fame in 1996
- ✚ Won the M & C Fine Arts Award for Literature in 1998

Some of his many publications include:

- ✚ Saint Lucia Historic Sites (1975)
- ✚ A Century of Coaling in Saint Lucia (1975)
- ✚ Bird Watchers Guide to Pigeon Island (1996)
- ✚ They Called us Brigands: the saga of Saint Lucia's freedom fighters (1997)
- ✚ Co- authored, A History of Saint Lucia (2012) with Guy Ellis and Jolien Harmsen



The Late Robert Devaux at various Trust activities