

PWD Tribute to Mrs. Mavis Hennings:

This is a tribute to Mrs. Mavis Hennings on behalf of the Public Works Department, its Director and employees, both past and present. PWD employees send their heartfelt condolences to Trisha, Crystal, Marissa, Sean and all of Mavis's family. We all grieve with you.

Mavis started work at PWD back in the mid 1970's and was an indispensable, irreplaceable part of PWD throughout the 35 years she worked there until she retired in 2007. Throughout her PWD career, she was loved, admired and respected by all PWD employees who crossed her path and were touched by her kindness. Her entire PWD career was dedicated to working in PWD's accounts payable section, and Mavis had qualities in abundance to fulfil her work role. Her attention to detail, her efficiency and her determination to get the job done were legendary.

But she was so much more than that. She always had a kind word for everyone and always found the time to listen to employees and give support and advice on both their work and personal lives. And all this delivered with that wonderful calm demeanor, whilst she held you in the steady gaze of her strong, calm eyes.

But probably the best way to learn about Mavis's impact on PWD is to hear it direct from the mouths of PWD employees: Crosby Solomon recalls:- Mrs. Hennings was like a mother to the entire PWD finance team. She was always happy and often times singing in a low voice to herself. My fondest memory of her was when she offered to let me taste a piece of cake called "Ugly Duckling". I turned to her and said "Aunt Mae, I hope it tastes better than it's name". She replied "you won't regret it Cross Breed", which was the name that her daughter Crystal gave me when she was a summer Intern at PWD.

Dubada Boldeau recollects:- She was a shining light and a wonderful person. Her vibrant personality and wonderful sense of humor made her a joy to work with.

Many times throughout my life, she has been an anchor and I respected and admired her depth of faith.

She embodied the gifts of the spirit, and provided me with a spiritual anchor for fortitude, piety, counsel, understanding and wisdom both inside and outside of work. Her presence will be missed.

Peter (Gucci) Bodden remembers: Mrs. Hennings was like a mother to me. From my tender age at PWD she would sit me down and give me so much advice on how to deal with the challenges that people and the world would throw at me. I clearly remember when I lost my driving license. At the time I was the PWD messenger and needed to drive for my job. I would have lost my job had it not been for Mrs. Hennings, who took it upon herself to approach Mr. Ebanks, the Director at PWD and suggested that he allow me to use my bike to carry out my job. I kept my job and am still here working at PWD because of Mrs. Hennings.

Mae Rankine who worked very closely with Mrs. Hennings recalls: She was like a mom to me and I was so very glad to have the opportunity to work with her for so many years. When she left she took a part of me with her.

I've learnt so much from Mrs. Hennings and I always wished that I could be just like her. She was always so calm about everything no matter what.

I've always admired her and wondered how she showed the same amount of love for her grandchildren as her own children. She was always so happy and excited to talk about her family and would always bring albums of the most recent pictures she had with her loved ones to share and every time she would explain who and what.

I know she gave enough love to last us all a lifetime. She was a beautiful person both inside and outside. Thank you God for keeping her with us for almost 92 years.

Max Jones, former PWD Director remembers: I arrived in Cayman to work at PWD in 1982. When I first arrived, Mavis would often stop by my PWD desk simply to ask how I was settling in, make sure I was doing OK and checking if I needed help with anything. That was just how Mavis was. Looking out for everyone! I quickly learnt what an amazing person she was and we became great friends and colleagues over the many years we worked together. Mavis was the second mother to so many at PWD and she was endowed with endless kindness and tenderness. She was loved and will be missed by so many of her PWD friends and colleagues.

But now Mrs. Hennings – it's time for all at PWD to say farewell and thank you. We love you dearly and will miss you so very much. You were a wonderful colleague and an even more wonderful friend. We thank you for all you did for PWD and its employees. You were always such a hardworking, knowledgeable, dedicated and giving employee. Your work ethic, honesty, integrity and dignity inspired so many of us to do so much more.

Your children and your family can rightfully be extremely proud of the life you lived and the legacy you have left behind.

Farewell from PWD to a truly remarkable Lady!!



Revelation 14:13

*“And I heard a voice from heaven saying,
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’
‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labor,
for their deeds will follow them.’”*