

Prime Minister the Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller has expressed sadness and shock at the sudden passing of Headley Samuel 'Sam Lawrence' former Member of Parliament for the constituency of East Portland.

The Prime Minister noted that on Sunday, the day before his death, he had attended a meeting where he was his usual thoughtful and amiable self. Those personal traits had been evident during his tenure as Member of Parliament between 1989 and 1997.

He was approachable, diligent and methodical in carrying out his responsibilities, serving his constituents faithfully and well.

Between 1989 and 1993, as Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Development, Planning and Production, he made a significant contribution to the work being done on the environment and in agricultural production.

After two terms in the Jamaican Parliament, Sam Lawrence went on to become an Advisor to CARICOM and serve in Guyana where he drew on his experience and his training in both Agriculture and Business.

Expressing her condolences to his children and other relatives, the Prime Minister described Sam Lawrence as "a loyal colleague and a hard worker who never lost sight of the fact that his was a call to the service of others."

"We will miss Sam Lawrence, another bright and committed Jamaican whose loss is deeply felt by all who knew him," Mrs. Simpson Miller said.

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