

TRIBUTES TO BONITA MORGAN



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1957 – 2018

DIRECTOR, RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT, CTO

On behalf of the Hon. Ralph Higgs, Minister of Tourism for the Turks and Caicos Islands and the TEAM at the TCI Tourist Board, we offer our sincere condolences to the family of the late Bonita Morgan and by extension her CTO family. We here in the region have lost an 'icon' a tourism professional who has dedicated her life to the advancement of our human resources in the region. She was a role model to many tourism professionals and an inspiration to our young people in the region. We give God thanks for the life and witness of Mrs. B. Morgan and may her Soul continue to Rest In Peace.



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There are no words that can express how sorry we are to hear about the passing of Mrs. Bonita Morgan; pioneer for Regional Tourism Education & Development. Mrs. Morgan stood out for her passion, compassion, dedication and love for the tourism industry and the sustainable development of the people of the Caribbean. Her kindness, patience, persistence and inspiration will certainly live on as we, the Caribbean Community continue to build capacities and quality tourism destinations.

During this difficult moment, the management and staff of the Grenada Tourism Authority wish to extend our condolences and prayers to Bonita's family and the Caribbean Tourism Organization team.

Grenada Tourism Authority



**Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you;
He will never let the righteous fall.
Psalm 55:22**

It is with great sadness that the Curaçao Tourist Board (CTB) received the news of the passing away of Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) - Director of Resource Mobilization & Development, Bonita Morgan.

Our most heartfelt condolences go out to her Family, Friends and the CTO team.

Curaçao Tourist Board



Tribute from the Government and People of Montserrat



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Condolence Message On The Passing of Ms. Bonita Morgan

The Government and People of Montserrat express deepest condolences to the Caribbean Tourism Organisation's family and friends of the late Ms. Bonita Morgan. We are deeply saddened by her passing and cannot begin to imagine how difficult this time must be for everyone, whom she has touched during her short life on this earth.

We recall fondly her interactions with the Tourism Division, where she developed and facilitated several training programmes for the Tour and Taxi Operators in Montserrat. Her professionalism, knowledge, quiet disposition and welcoming smile, will be etched in our memory for a long time.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.



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Tribute from President of the Tourism Office of Saint Martin, Mrs Valerie Damaseau

It is with great sadness that we learned the shocking news of your Human Resources dept Manager Mrs Bonita Morgan.

Death is always a time of great sorrow, and on behalf of everyone here at The Tourism Office of Saint Martin, I want to let you know that we will greatly miss this Tourism Pioneer who did so much for the development of tourism in Saint Martin.

Indeed, Mrs Morgan was truly a great woman and personally affected me through her work. After working with us over 25 years it is a national tragedy that this amazing Lady has been lost, and I wanted to make sure you know just how many people truly admired her dedication and work.

So on behalf of: The Collectivité of Saint Martin, Saint Martin Hotel Association, Saint Martin Taxi drivers, The National Education of Saint Martin, The Teachers of the Tourism Classes, The Tourism Office of Saint Martin, thank you for bringing Saint Martin destination the required tools at the specific moment needed.

May you all get some comfort in this difficult situation. Our deepest condolences.



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joyann hinds(baobab tower custodian)

from barbados

wrote on May 9, 2018 at 11:14 am:

My sincere condolences, you will be missed Miss Morgan, you were always that shining light throughout the day that brightens our hearts and up lift our spirits.



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Marsha Armstrong

from Bridgetown, Barbados

wrote on May 8, 2018 at 4:32 pm:

I will certainly miss Mrs Morgan and her passion and commitment for the development of young people in the region. I first met her in 2008 as I journeyed with Barbados' Junior Minister of Tourism to Trinidad for the Annual CTO Conference and have been interacting with her regarding the development of the Programme as well as other tourism education and awareness initiatives. Our last meeting was Feb 2018 which myself and colleague thoroughly enjoyed and will forever appreciate.

Always a professional, enjoyed her interaction with the young Junior Ministers over the years in encouraging them to pursue careers within this dynamic industry.

To her family, my deepest sympathy and I wish you all god's comfort at this difficult time. She will be missed.



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Helen Marano

from London

wrote on May 7, 2018 at 4:29 pm:

It is with deep sadness that we learned of Bonita's passing. She certainly brought light to so many lives and so many were enriched by her expertise and enthusiasm.

The world of travel and tourism was enhanced by Bonita's dedicated contribution. Her spirit will be missed.

We at the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) send our heartfelt sympathies to her family and to the entire CTO team who will deeply miss her as well.



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Hospitality Assured

from UK

wrote on May 2, 2018 at 6:00 am:

We wish to offer our sincerest condolences to the family of Bonita Morgan, the Caribbean Tourism Organisation family and the region.

Hospitality, tourism and the Caribbean were part of Bonita's DNA, along with her passion for the development of the beautiful Caribbean islands to be a world class destination with the finest levels of service and business excellence. Bonita's commitment to Hospitality Assured demonstrated her dedication to this vision.

Our association with Bonita and the CTO gives us all great pride and satisfaction. We feel that as a legacy it is the responsibility of us all to preserve her vision and grow the Hospitality Assured project so that it continues to develop the Caribbean as a leading and sustainable tourism destination.

We all have our different memories of Bonita and she was without doubt a person with great integrity, pride, professionalism and true commitment to her work. Her knowledge was endless and it was evident that sharing this experience with others gave her great pleasure. She will be greatly missed.



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Brian Been

from Cockburn Town, Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands

wrote on May 1, 2018 at 10:47 am:

To the family of the late Bonita Morgan and colleagues, accept my condolences on the passing of a great icon to Caribbean Tourism. Mrs. Morgan went beyond the call of duty and was an inspiration to many she came in contact with. Her dedication to the edification of the people of the Caribbean was demonstrated daily and her zeal for excellence is evident in the many initiatives such as Hospitality Assured, Youth Congress and many others, perhaps too numerous to mention.

To the family, thank you for sharing her! May God be with you during this time of bereavement. Her presence will truly be missed.

Respectfully,

Brian Been

Arlene Buckmire-Outram

from St. George's, Grenada

wrote on April 26, 2018 at 4:38 pm:

It is quite a shock to have come to the CTO website and to learn of the passing of Bonita Morgan. I first met Bonita many years ago, soon after her engagement with the CTO when I became involved with an EU funded regional training programme, executed by the CTO. She visited Grenada and Carriacou where we conducted training for the introduction of Tourism in schools.

I last saw her just over a year ago in Barbados and she was as lovely as ever. She was the ultimate professional who dedicated herself to the development of the industry and the people of the region and she will be greatly missed.

My deepest condolences to her husband and children. Your loss is the region's loss.



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Jason Yearwood – Junior Minister of Tourism, Barbados – 2008

from North York

wrote on April 24, 2018 at 12:01 pm:

It certainly was a shock to me when I first learned of Mrs. Morgan's passing. We would have first met back in 2008, when I was representing Barbados as the Junior Minister of Tourism at the CTO Youth Congress held in Trinidad and Tobago at that time. Mrs. Morgan was the guest speaker at the workshop organized for the participants, and she certainly provided us with a wealth of knowledge for the few minutes that she addressed us. So impactful was her message then, that fast forward 10 years to today, I am now one of the many tourism professionals representing the interest of my island and the Caribbean in the Canadian market. Not only was her impact felt in word but also in deed, as she, through the CTO provided me with great support at varying levels, during the completion of my Bachelors degree in Tourism Management. Simply put – Mrs. Morgan must be credited as one of the foundational influencers where my career in tourism is concerned. She will be missed.

To her family, friends, colleagues and the entire CTO organization, I wish to offer my sincere condolences on her passing. May the Holy Spirit comfort you all during this time of bereavement.

Jason Yearwood



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Miss. Rashana Jones – Junior Minister of Barbados 2016

from Bridgetown, Barbados

wrote on April 22, 2018 at 10:44 am:

It is with deep sadness I say farewell to a pleasant and dedicated giant within the tourism industry, Ms. Bonita Morgan. When I met Ms. Morgan at Caribbean Tourism Youth Congress 2016 it was clear how passionate she was about youth development and tourism in the Caribbean and beyond. Ms. Morgan left an indelible mark in the hearts of many and was indeed a great inspiration.

With that said, I wish to extend sincere condolences to her family, friends and the CTO family at this difficult time.

Regards,

R. Jones

Jacqueline Pollard

from Bridgetown

wrote on April 19, 2018 at 3:48 pm:

Over the years of working with Mrs Morgan as a tourism partner, she has always been a source of inspiration as she carried out her duties in the most professional manner. I enjoyed watching how she interacted with all those Caribbean young people who participated in the Annual CTO Youth Congress.

Personally, Bonita was a great source of inspiration!

Over the years, I bounced many tourism-related ideas off her and was assured that she would be more than willing to give sound guidance and advice. I found her to be a very amicable, selfless and devoted person.

May the Peace of God be with her husband, children, extended family and the CTO family during this trying time.



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Eunice B. Clare

from Providenciales, Turks and Caicos

wrote on April 19, 2018 at 3:14 pm:

I wish to extend heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Bonita Morgan and her CTO family. We in the region have lost a 'giant' of a lady, a hardworking and dedicated professional, one who was interested in the development of our 'people.' She worked tirelessly to ensure that we in the region had materials as it related to Tourism Education. I had the privilege of knowing this 'icon' from 2001 when I joined the TCI Tourist Board and have benefited from the many Tourism Educators/HR conferences that she spearheaded. She will be surely missed by all of us! My she Rest in Peace! Love You!



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Lorine Charles St Jules

from New Jersey (Saint Lucia)

wrote on April 19, 2018 at 1:32 pm:

My deepest sympathies to Bonita's family. I credit my early professional development in Tourism to Mrs Morgan. We first met in Barbados when she sat on the panel for the CTO Scholarship. She was warm, caring, assuring, sincere and genuinely concerned. We enjoyed morning or evening walks together during CTO conferences where we chatted about music, food, family and of course tourism. I salute you Bonita..and will try somehow to continue to make you proud per our first encounter in Barbados. RiPP....



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Avanell Da Silva

from Kingstown, St. Vincent & the Grenadines

wrote on April 19, 2018 at 12:53 pm:

Bonita will be missed for her outstanding work with the Caribbean's tourism stakeholders. She always made herself available even to answer the simplest of questions. Her passion, hard work and dedication will be forever etched throughout the region.

Avanell Da Silva

St. Vincent & the Grenadines Tourism Authority



S. Katie Julien

from Roseau

wrote on April 19, 2018 at 12:31 pm:

I have known and worked with Bonita from 2007 and knew of her passion for tourism development in the Caribbean region. Conveying deepest condolences to her family, friends and colleagues at CTO and asking God to strengthen you all through this grieving period. May her soul rest in eternal peace.



Nicole Alleyne

wrote on April 19, 2018 at 10:43 am:

My deepest condolences to the family of Bonita and the staff of the CTO on her passing. During my years at the Ministry my interactions with Bonita were always pleasant. She willingly assisted me and provided me with information whenever I asked of her. She truly will be missed. May God strengthen her home and work family at this difficult time.



Maxine Blake

from Montego Bay

wrote on April 19, 2018 at 12:46 am:

To say "regret" is putting it mildly. This region has lost an icon who worked assiduously for the growth of tourism through training and development. I know she will be missed by her Jamaican Tour Guide Trainers, as she journeyed with us to this level. She will be missed physically however, her presence will live on as we do our best to complete what she started with us.

Condolences to ALL her family members – blood related and otherwise, because that is how Ms. Morgan makes you feel – like family.



Paulette Spence-Hines

from Kingston, Jamaica

wrote on April 18, 2018 at 11:37 pm:

I am saddened at Bonita's passing. It is difficult to imagine industry training in the region without her. At the forefront of my thoughts however, is her efforts to raise the standard of tour delivery in the region. I pray her loved ones will rely on the Comforter and celebrate her legacy.

Christopher Morgan – Barbados Junior Minister 2011

from Brudgetown, Barbados

wrote on April 18, 2018 at 10:48 pm:

When I heard the news of Mrs. Morgan's passing I simply couldn't believe it. I had first met her in 2011 when I represented Barbados at the CTO youth congress and I immediately noticed the passion she had for tourism development in the Caribbean and youth involvement.

Every word that came out of her mouth oozed that passion and I will never forget her lovely smile and infectious and hearty laugh.

Today we mourn a fallen soldier, one who fought right through to the end to better the development of the Caribbean tourism product. While we mourn her, I can only imagine the pain that her loved ones and family must be going through and could only pray that they be comforted and supported during this time of need.

Bonita Morgan, I don't know if it's your passion that made me grow so fond of you or the fact that we shared the same last name, but all I know is that you will be missed dearly by your friends, colleagues, country and region.

But rest be assured, your legacy shall remain!



Ena Harvey

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from Bridgetown

wrote on April 18, 2018 at 11:03 am:

On behalf of the staff of IICA Barbados and on my own personal behalf, we are very saddened at the passing of our friend and colleague, Bonita. We have lost not only a wonderful Caribbean professional, but a caring friend. In January, a former IICA Representative called for help for her husband who suffered a stroke while on a cruise and was hospitalised in Cayman. I did not have any contacts there. I called Bonita and she responded immediately. Within a few hours, Cynthia had a network of friends and responders in Cayman who were able to give her comfort and assistance. Bonita's humanity and lovely personality will be missed greatly.

Chad Burrowes-Gill – 2006- Barbados Junior Minister of Tourism

from Bridgetown

wrote on April 18, 2018 at 10:36 am:

The Caribbean Tourism Industry has lost a huge champion, innovator and friend with the death of Mrs. Morgan. Her inspiration, wisdom and vision saw the development of the tourism industry within the region to great levels, and has inspired many young minds to dare to achieve greatness and take our individual and collective countries further. I wish to extend my sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Bonita Morgan. May the warmth of the Holy Spirit engulf you and comfort you during this time. And may her soul Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.

Chad Burrowes-Gill

Junior Minister of Tourism 2006

Barbados

Vishnu Doerga

from Georgetown, Guyana

wrote on April 17, 2018 at 9:47 pm:

Your passion for tourism development impacted me and made me strive for better in this field. You will be greatly missed. RIP.



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Sharon Richardson

from Anguilla

wrote on April 17, 2018 at 3:30 pm:

My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Bonita. She was such a dynamic lady and her passion for training and education in Hospitality and Tourism was inspiring. She made each CTO HR conference an amazing, unforgettable experience. She will be greatly missed.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.



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Gina Brooks

from The Valley, ANGUILLA

wrote on April 15, 2018 at 10:05 am:

Giving thanks for Bonita's sojourn and her selfless contribution to the development of Tourism and Tourism HR in the Caribbean and its diaspora.

Condolences to her immediate and extended family and the CTO family. May the many memories shared bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead.

She will be forever remembered. May her sweet soul repose in perpetual peace .

Gina Brooks

Ministry of Tourism

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Ed Kastli

from Orlando

wrote on April 13, 2018 at 3:11 pm:

It is with great sadness that I extend to CTO and the Morgan family our most sincere condolences on behalf of AHLEI for the passing of Ms. Bonita. I had the pleasure and honor to be a speaker and panelist with Ms. Morgan at various conferences and have greatly learned from my interactions with her. She was a consummate and passionate professional that truly invested her life for the sake of people development and empowerment in the Caribbean and beyond. You will be greatly missed dear Bonita. May you rest in peace.



Wilma Turton

from Bridgetown

wrote on April 11, 2018 at 11:24 am:

A beautiful spirit is now quiet. Rest in peace my dear friend. Condolences and prayerful, loving support to the family and all who mourn.



PATRICK BAUCELIN

from FORT DE FRANCE

wrote on April 11, 2018 at 9:23 am:

I am very, vey sad.
Rest in Peace Bonita Morgan.



Sherma Roberts

from St. Michael

wrote on April 10, 2018 at 6:54 pm:

I will always remember Bonita as the consummate Caribbean female tourism servant-leader! She knew that her mission on this earth was to build Caribbean tourism capacity and she did it with grace and passion. I was a recipient of her vision to ensure that Caribbean tourism practice was raised through providing educational opportunities for Caribbean people regardless of race, colour, gender or class. I was among the first cohort of beneficiaries of the CTO scholarship foundation. Here I am today, doing just what Bonita envisioned....building generation after generation of Caribbean tourism employees and scholars. Thank you Bonita! Your work will endure till the end of time as more and more of us pass on your legacy. Rest in peace Caribbean visionary, warrior, friend, colleague, teacher, sister, mother, wife! Rest in peace, Bonita.



Felicia Baly-Stanford

from Saint-Martin

wrote on April 10, 2018 at 1:24 pm:

I met Bonita for the first time in 2014 and was impressed not only by her professionalism but by her warmth and her commitment to her work at CTO. Bonita made you feel as if her entire attention was focused on you and your ideas and that your views were important. She was very detail oriented even while she insured that everyone felt welcomed. Despite her long illness and what must have been intense pain she never complained. Now she is at peace and I wish her a farewell and God Speed. CTO has lost a great asset and the Caribbean a true champion. To her family and loved ones, please accept my deepest condolences, strength and compassion. She will be truly missed.



Store All Inc

from Barbados

wrote on April 10, 2018 at 12:28 pm:

We at Store All Inc. would like to extend our sincere condolences to Paul and family on the passing of Bonita. Our prayers are with you.



Andrea Brasnell

from POS

wrote on April 10, 2018 at 10:09 am:

I really enjoyed working with her! She was just a really nice person. She delivered the Service Quality Management workshop for us and I remember it to this day. She clearly outlined what being world class meant! She was world class!

Shirlene Nibbs

from St. John's Antigua

wrote on April 10, 2018 at 5:40 am:

I am still so saddened and mourn your passing my personal and professional friend Bonita Morgan. Your loyal friendship and legacy of being most passionate about the development of the Caribbean's Human Capital and Talent will be forever edged in my mind. Our early morning walks in many countries, your faith, your wise counsel and our passion for our region are memories that will never leave me. Your love of music. Play the pan the guitar and continue to sing on that Heavenly Choir. Happy we were able to send Birthday Greetings as we have done for over 25 years in February. Our trip to Brazil was not in his plans. RIP. My Friend. 🙏



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Carolyn Hayle

from Kingston, Jamaica.

wrote on April 9, 2018 at 7:15 pm:

No words! Bonita you were a real gem. Condolences to Paul, Jonathan and his Wife, Maya, her Daughter and her Husband and Ayanna. Bonita was my really good friend. I spoke to her about 4 weeks ago. Although she was preparing to go for treatment, she remembered to ask Marvelle to send me a document I needed to complete an assignment. That was Bonita..a true professional. She was determined to fight. Love you, Bonita. WALK GOOD! I will miss you!



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Javon Griffith

from Bridgetown

wrote on April 9, 2018 at 7:02 pm:

Rest in Peace Bonita Morgan. Thank you for the stellar contribution you have made to the development of the tourism industry across the Caribbean, particularly in the area of education and thank you for the pivotal role you played in securing me a CTO Scholarship in 2010 to finance my MSc! You will be greatly missed!



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Ian benskin

from Barbados

wrote on April 9, 2018 at 6:20 pm:

My deepest regards to the family from the Vaughan family

Guillermo Graglia

from Lima

wrote on April 9, 2018 at 4:52 pm:

I had the privilege of working closely in many regional initiatives. Hard working with always a smile and a true commitment to betterment of people. Safe journey, Bonita!



Darlene Duggan

from Halifax, Canada

wrote on April 9, 2018 at 2:59 pm:

Very sorry to hear of Bonita's passing. She was kind to me in my dealings with CTO.



Anthony Brand

from Brussels

wrote on April 9, 2018 at 2:41 pm:

It is with great shock and sadness that I learn of Mrs.Morgan's passing. I came in contact with Bonita last March and we had several business related discussions, though she also expressed a love of fashion. Bonita impressed me as a consummate HR professional and one deeply committed to the Caribbean and the goals of the CTO. I learned that she was unwell in Nov, but she assured me that it was nothing too severe and that she was on the mend. It seems that such positivity was her trademark.

I extend deepest condolences to her personal family as well as to her family at the CTO. And pray that the Lord provides strength at this sad time.

May Mrs. Bonita Morgan rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Anthony Brand

Brussels, Belgium