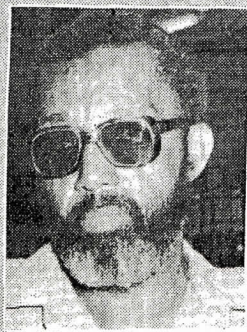


No flowers for Goddard's last farewell

PRESIDENT of Pan Trinbago Arnim Smith yesterday reiterated his appeal to all pannists of the nation to respect the last wishes of George Goddard, one of the steelband movement's pioneers, who passed away last Monday. Smith said he would like all pannists to attend Goddard's funeral, which takes place at 10 a.m. today at the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall, Four Roads, Diego Martin. Goddard's body will be cremated at The Crematorium, Long Circular Road.

Describing Goddard as one of the most honest pan personalities he ever knew, Smith said Goddard wanted no fanfare or live steelband performance at his funeral. He also requested that mourners bring no flowers to the funeral and that pannists conduct themselves in a dignified manner.

Goddard leaves to mourn his wife Mona (Bunny), children David, Hayden, Gerard and Richard, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was also the uncle of Charlie's Roots musical director Pelham Goddard.



Goddard

Culture Minister says T&T indebted forever

CULTURE Minister Jennifer Johnson has issued a statement on the death of George Goddard, one of the steelband pioneers of Trinidad and Tobago, expressing her sympathy to his wife and family. Goddard, who died Monday morning after a prolonged illness, was engaged in a ministry assignment compiling and collating information on the history of the steelband movement at the time of his death.

Johnson noted that he would be remembered for his dedication to the steelband movement and to the upliftment of the steelband and steelbandsmen. "Though he did not live to see the end product of his work," Johnson said, "Trinidad and Tobago will be forever indebted to Mr Goddard for the contribution which he made towards recording the history of this important aspect of our cultural heritage."