

Pioneer pannist dies

JUST nine days after being among a group of 25 pioneering pannists called "The Panguard", which was honoured by Pan Trinbago at a gala Crowne Plaza ceremony, Lennox "Ranger" Glean died at the Port-of-Spain General Hospital.

Glean, 74, who was unable to personally attend the November 10 event due to illness, and whose award was accepted by his son Lennox Jnr, was honoured for his ambassadorial work as a member of the first National Steelband, which went on tour in 1960 to promote pan music on the UK/Europe circuit.

After not being up to attending the function, Glean was persuaded

to not let the opportunity pass without seeing his colleagues. On the Sunday following he spent a memorable three hours recounting the past with his 'brothers' at a breakfast lime at Ambassador Hotel, exchanging anecdotes with fellow pannists from the group, many of whom had not seen each other since the inaugural trip.

Glean leaves to mourn his wife Helen Mc Williams and nine children, Louis, Gerald, Anne Marie, Cheryl, Lennox, Christopher, Natalie, Tricia and Janelle.

His funeral service will be held at 2 pm tomorrow at the Clark and Battoo Chapel, Tragarete Road, Port-of-Spain.



Final farewell

From left: **MICHAEL** and **LAILA VALERE**, parents of **EMILE VALERE**, join his wife **RENATTA** in mourning his death at his funeral yesterday at the St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Maraval Road, Port-of-Spain. Valere, a former Guardian journalist and head of the local chapter of Transparency International, was killed in a two-vehicle accident on the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway in the early hours of last Friday.

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