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STUART J HAYWARD

I MAY 19, 1942 - JUNE 28, 2022 I

Stuart Jackson Hayward was a career environmentalist whose accomplishments and activism ranged from journalism and conserving open spaces, to politics and effectiveness training for parents and community leaders. Born in 1942, his work would often hark back to his childhood adventures in the wilderness of an undeveloped Bermuda.

From an early age activism became a feature of his life, fighting to keep Admiralty House as a park in the 1970s and writing columns to educate, inform, and entertain the public. A feature of his groundbreaking work was co-editing and contributing to Bermuda's Delicate Balance (1981), a seminal compendium on Bermuda's environment which created widespread environmental awareness. It also established Stuart Hayward as an environmental leader at a critical time. Also in 1981, he founded Save Open Spaces, an organization dedicated to preserving Bermuda's dwindling undeveloped land. In the late 1980s, his activism pushed him into the political sphere when he became one of Bermuda's only successful Independent Members of Parliament in 1989. More recently in 2006 he founded and spearheaded the successful Save-the-Gardens campaign, preventing the Botanical Gardens from becoming the site of the new hospital wing. The success of this campaign gave rise to the Bermuda Environmental Sustainability Taskforce (BEST), which has led many successful advocacy projects including preventing the development of Southlands and protecting agricultural land. Stuart Hayward was a leader within many local environmental organizations but most notably he was the president of BEST and a founding member of the Environmental Coalition (ECO). Stuart Hayward wrote once that he became an environmentalist because "Bermuda was such a near-perfect environment when I grew up."

The Riddell's Bay Gardens honours the memory of Stuart Hayward and all he achieved and preserves the same magic of nature he experienced in his youth for future generations. Stuart was so pleased to have these gardens dedicated to him that we have buried his ashes under three young trees so that he can be a part of his garden forever.

In his personal life, Stuart was a devoted husband to Jamie and beloved brother to Sylvia. He was an avid bicyclist and motorcyclist who was happiest when he was riding one or the other. He also was an accomplished recorder player who for years led the Victor Scott School recorder club which he founded. He revelled in having his band of child and adult musicians play concerts at every opportunity.

Service Programme

Tributes

John Barritt Selena Fields Jennifer Gray Frances Marshall/BEST Sylvia Hayward-Harris

Musical Tributes

Heather Nova, 'Imagine' by John Lennon
'Proud to be Bermudian', written and performance arranged by John Woolridge
'The Environmentalists'
Rythm Guitars: David Skinner & Ben Payne | Bass Guitar: Jeffrey Marshall | Drums: Dwight Hart | Keyboards: John Woolridge | Trumpet: Conrad Roach |
Vocals: Sheila Smith & Sai Emery |
Shine Hayward

Saturday | September 3 | 6:30 - 8:30pm The Stuart Hayward Gardens Riddell's Bay Gardens & Nature Reserve Warwick









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