

## Cricket Hall of Fame's secretary laid to rest



Members of the Cricket Hall of Fame are mourning the loss of its secretary Vernon C. Tennant, who passed away on Tuesday, May 13, at the St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut. He was 75.

An individual who possessed a good knowledge of the history of the game particularly when it came to the West Indies became associated with the institution during its reorganization in 1997.

Shortly after his arrival in Hartford from Jamaica in the early 1980s, Tennant, who was a good schoolboy cricketer, continued to pursue his passion for the sport by becoming an umpire in the Connecticut Cricket League in 1985, a service which he performed for several years before quitting after becoming disillusioned with the indiscipline of the players and the lack of support by the then officers of the league.

Tennant said that he liked the discussions held at the Hall of Fame and as one of the first persons to meet and interact with the inductees when they arrive on these shores, that he liked the one and one contact that he got from the former cricket stars and the opportunity to exchange dialogue with them on some of their past experiences.

When people learn that we meet every Wednesday night throughout the year to plan for our annual induction ceremony, they find it difficult to understand our dedication to the organization and the sport. "It was simply because of our love for the game which most of us played during our younger years," he explained. "That's what keeps us going," he had said.

Known for his quiet demeanor and easy going spirit, Tennant who was one of the hardest workers at the Hall of Fame will be sadly missed.