

## **Well known cricket promoter Al Watson succumbs to illness**

Residents of the Hartford community are today mourning the loss of Alvin Watson, a well-known former resident and entrepreneur of the city. A past president of the West Indian Social Club and director of the Cricket Hall of Fame, Watson succumb to illness at the Vitas Innovators Hospice Care, Atlanta, Georgia, Wednesday, April 6. He was 68.

Well-known in cricketing circles throughout the New England area, Watson was responsible for the promotion of a number of top cricket events in Keney Park, which he usually describes as the “home for cricket.” One of his most memorable promotions was the visit of the then world champions, the Indian cricket team into Hartford, to play against a select eleven at Keney Park.

He was also the innovator and coordinator of the popular Six-a-Side tournament, that brought a number of former international stars to showoff their talents at Keney Park.

Watson is survived by four children, Sharon Wong of New York; Maria Watson, Nicole Watson and Anthony Watson of Atlanta; three grandchildren, John Watson, Xavier Jones and Jade Watson; two brothers, Denton Watson of New York and Frank Hewitt of Connecticut, and many relatives and friends. His father Audley Watson and another brother Bobby, who were also residents of Hartford, deceased him.

In keeping with his wishes, the family had his body cremated on Thursday, April 7, and will disperse his ashes in Atlanta, Florida, his last place of residence, and at his father’s gravesite in Hartford.

A memorial service will be held in his honor in Hartford on Saturday, April 16. The time and place for the service will be announced later.