



Happy 100th Birthday Mr. Gordon Farrell

Longevity runs deep in the family, and Charles Arthur Gordon Farrell, known as Gordon Farrell is no exception. Born on August 15th, 1923, he is the son of Arthur Farrell (Former Acting Principal of QRC College and first Principal of St. George's College) and Ivy Farrell (nee Gordon). He is also a grandson of the renowned Charles Arthur Richards Farrell, the first local City Engineer, whose achievements include bringing potable water to the people of Trinidad and Tobago and the construction of the now well-known defunct Farrell Pumping Station building at West Mall / West Park.

As Gordon Farrell reaches the incredible milestone of his 100th birthday, he is surrounded by the love and admiration of his family and friends. He currently resides with his eldest son, Mark Arthur Farrell, and Mark's wife Judith, in Port of Spain, the city where his remarkable journey began.

In July 1948, Gordon married Monica Ross, and together they were blessed with three sons and two daughters: Mark, twins Natalie and Nigel, Rhonda, and Rory. The Farrell lineage continues to grow, with eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren to date, each a testament to the enduring legacy of a remarkable man.

Like many members of the Farrell family in Government Service, Gordon embarked on his surveying career in 1945, working in the Public Works Department. In 1955, he joined the Lands and Surveys Department, and quickly rose through the ranks. By 1959, he became the Officer in charge of Land Acquisitions, showcasing his talent and dedication. His exceptional skills led to his appointment as Director of Surveys and Sub-Intendant of Crown Lands in 1967, a position he held until his early retirement from Government Service in 1973.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Gordon ventured into the realm of private practice, focusing on land surveys and valuations between 1973 and 1976. In July 1976, at the age of 53, he founded the now esteemed valuation firm of G. A. Farrell & Associates Limited, which has since become a pillar of excellence in its field for over 47 years.

Gordon's contributions to his profession did not go unnoticed. In December 2008, the Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago (ISTT) bestowed upon him an award, in recognition and appreciation of his contribution to the profession. After retiring from G.A. Farrell & Associates in 2008 at the age of 85, Gordon remained an active volunteer with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, working tirelessly to uplift his community through his local Church of the Assumption in Maraval.

Beyond his professional achievements, Gordon's vibrant spirit and zest for life shine through his many passions. As a long-standing member of the Queen's Park Oval, he has been an avid tennis player for most of his life, inspiring others with his athleticism and love for the game. Even in recent years, one could spot him at the gym at the Oval or taking leisurely walks around Queen's Park Savannah during the peaceful mornings and evenings. It is no wonder that his friends and family affectionately nicknamed him "Flash," a testament to his energy and vitality.

As we gather to celebrate Gordon Farrell's incredible journey through a century of life, we are filled with gratitude for his remarkable accomplishments and unwavering dedication to his family, his profession, and his community. We wish this extraordinary centenarian a joyful and heartfelt Happy 100th Birthday, along with our fervent hope for many more cherished years ahead.



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