
APPRECIATION: Mr Vincent Mercieca

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The untimely and unexpected demise of Vincent Mercieca has shocked and plunged in deep sorrow not only the members of his dear family, whom he loved so much, but also a wide circle of acquaintances and friends. Foremost among them are the officials and members of the Philatelic Society of Malta of which he was one of the main pillars and to whose welfare and advancement he has so willingly and generously contributed and devoted much of his spare time.

After being a live-wire committee member of my Society for a number of years he was in 1984 to hold the post of Treasurer and in this office, which he still occupied at the time of his death, he was highly admired and respected by everyone. His devotion to duty and the thoroughness and meticulousness with which he handled any task entrusted to him, even if this entailed much personal sacrifice and self-denial, were much appreciated.

The gentle smile which invariably radiated on his serene face, his charming and attractive personality, his uncommon calm and his persuasive attitude when dealing with people, whether in business circles or in other spheres of Society in which he was involved, were all qualities which endeared him to one and all who came in contact with him. They thus further widened the large circle of local and overseas friends by whom he was held in the highest esteem.

Apart from the heavy bereavement and the irreparable loss sustained by his family with his demise, my Society will also badly feel the shattering blow by which it has been struck. Apart from the loss of a steadfast member, a most efficient and hard-working official and a charming friend, the void he has left behind will not be at all easy to fill up.

Sadly enough Vincent does no longer belong to this world, but yet his sweet memory, his pleasant personality and endearing ways, will for yet many more years to come be fondly remembered and cherished by all who knew him. His high sense of duty in all he undertook to do will serve as a shining example and a living model to those who will eventually be called upon to take over and carry on the good work in the different offices which were entrusted to him.

May the good God in His unbounded mercy grant eternal rest unto his dear soul and to his bereaved and sorrowful wife and children, his disconsolate mother and dear brother and other relatives, the calm and confidence so necessary to face the future.

