

Mr Godwin Said

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The Philatelic community of Malta in general and the Philatelic Society of Malta in particular, have been bereft of one of their leading, highly esteemed and respected members, following the untimely death of Mr Godwin Said, which took place on April 6, 1999.

Although in the past two years Godwin was in failing health yet, as he was still active in his business and commitments he appeared to have recovered from his initial troubles and his unexpected death came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances both locally and abroad.

It can be safely said that Godwin was born and brought up in a 'philatelic atmosphere' for his late father, Emmanuel, was a stamp dealer in his own right, as far back as the early 1930s and the founder of a reputed and successful stamp business, and it is therefore no wonder that after leaving school he opted for the stamp business career.

Though Godwin's father was a general stamp dealer, he chose to limit his activity and interest only to Malta stamps and postal history of which he was an acknowledged connoisseur, recognised as such both locally and well as overseas, especially in the U.K.

For a number of years he published annually the Said Malta Stamp Catalogue which was looked upon as the standard catalogue of Malta stamps locally and abroad. During the last five years or so he extended his interests to dealing in Telecards and he published annually a priced catalogue of Malta Telecards, the latest edition was published posthumously by his daughter.

For many years Godwin was an active member of the Philatelic Society of Malta which he ably represented as Commissioner in many international exhibitions in different parts of the world. He also served as a member of the Committee of the Philatelic Society of Malta on which through his great philatelic experience and know-how he gave many valuable contributions.

Godwin also farmed a superb collection of Postal History of Malta which received many prestigious awards and medals at many international philatelic exhibitions at which he presented it.

Godwin who was of a friendly and quiet disposition was also a very active member of several charitable and philanthropic societies and organisations and in this connection he was always in the front line, always willing and ready to offer his help and do his bit whenever it was needed.

To his dear family go my healthfelt sympathy and sincere condolences as well as those of all the members of my Society by all of whom he was much loved and highly respected.

May he rest in peace.