

Mr. Everard Aguilar dies; sea-burial today

Mr. Everard Aguilar, Jamaica's leading philatelist, died early yesterday morning, at his home at Wilmington Drive, Jacks Hill, St. Andrew. He was 53.

Mr. Aguilar took ill earlier this year and went abroad for treatment. His condition did not improve and he had been invalid at home for some time. The end came at a few minutes after midnight.

A keen philatelist, Mr. Aguilar was recognized as an authority on Jamaican stamps. He published in 1949 a brochure, "The Philatelic Handbook of Jamaica," which was the definitive work on the subject; and he was also the editor and publisher of "The British West Indian Philatelist," another authoritative work.

His knowledge of philately was recognized by the Government, and his advice was sought whenever new stamp issues were being put out by Jamaica.

Horticulturist

Mr. Aguilar was also an enthusiast horticulturist, and was one of the foremost importers of flowering plants into the island. He was treasurer of the Jamaica Botanical Society, and was the owner of "The Green Thumb," a leading florist shop in Kingston.

Third and youngest son of the late Mr. T. N. Aguilar, financier. Everard Francis Aguilar was born in Kingston on March 14, 1913. He was educated at Calabar High School.

During 1935 to 1938, he was engaged in real-estate and investment-mortgage business activities; but, in more recent years, he devoted himself almost entirely to philately and horticulture which were for him both business and hobby.

Mr. Aguilar was a frequent contributor to the GLEANER on the subject of philately. An article by him, "The Stamp Way to Knowledge," was published in this paper in September of last year; and he wrote on "The Value of Stamps" in December last.

In his younger years, Mr. Aguilar was also prominent as a sportsman. He took a keen interest in shooting, and was also at one time a leading yachtsman and race-horse owner. Fishing and badminton were other sports in which he indulged.

Surviving him are his immediate family — wife Fay, and two daughters: Frances (Mrs. Michael Campbell) and Anne.

Other relatives who survive him are his two brothers Mr. Vincent Aguilar, JP; and Mr. Andrew H. B. Aguilar JP; both well-known members of the community; and two sisters: Mrs. Inez Cridland and Mrs. Enid Halliday, who lives in England.

Mr. Aguilar will be buried at sea tomorrow morning.

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