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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**OFFICIAL FUNERAL FOR FORMER GOVERNMENT MINISTER IAN PINARD**

**Roseau, Dominica- May 1, 2026:** The Government of Dominica has accorded an Official Funeral to the former Government Minister Ian Pinard who passed away on April 17, 2026.

The funeral service will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Pointe Michel on Friday, May 8, 2026.

The late Ian Pinard gave many years of service to the people of Dominica, including as Parliamentary Representative for the Soufriere Constituency, after being elected to Parliament in 2005 and again in 2014. He was Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Education and later Minister for Public Works and Ports.

He was actively engaged in national development, serving in senior executive roles at Petro Caribe Dominica and at the Dominica Air and Sea Ports Authority (DASPA), where he most recently held the position of Chief Executive Officer.

The Government acknowledges his contribution to public service and national development, and joins the nation in reflecting on his legacy and service to country.

Friday, May 8, the day of the funeral, has been declared a Day of National Mourning, and all flags will be flown at half-staff.

Public viewing will take place from 2:00 p.m. and the funeral service will begin at 3:00 p.m., followed by interment at the Pointe Michel Catholic Cemetery.

The Government of Dominica extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, colleagues and the people of the Soufriere Constituency.

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