

Sir Charles Carter

Sir Charles Carter (Edward Charles Carter) was born on April 13, 1943 and grew up in Nassau where he received his early education at St. John's College and later graduated from Rhodes School in New York. He entered New York University in 1961 where he studied Business Administration in the Bachelor of Science Programme.

He furthered his studies at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, Canada where in 1969 he obtained a degree in broadcast management. He then went on to complete his studies in 1974 at the University of Manchester, England where he obtained a certificate with distinction in public administration.

In 1964, he joined the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas (ZNS) as a radio announcer, and subsequently became programme director, assistant general manager and was responsible for the setting up of the television service. He was also appointed general manager of television.

Sir Charles' impact on the community was made through broadcasting: first in radio as the host of "The Young Bahamian Show" and later on television where he hosted "Focus", the first Bahamian television series. He was also the voice for the majority of the national events, including Independence. He created Carter Marketing in 1993 with his sons, Eddie and Mark - a company that organizes the advertising and public relations interests of a number of businesses in The Bahamas.

Sir Charles resigned from ZNS to go into business and created a number of successful ventures and worked as the Vice President of Restaurants (Bahamas) Ltd., distributors of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

He was elected to the House of Assembly in 1982 and served for 10 years as the Member of Parliament for the Holy Cross Constituency.

During the years of 1982-1992 he served as Chairman of The Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas; Chairman of the then Bahamas Electricity Corporation, Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly; Minister of Foreign Affairs, and in October of 1990, he was made Minister of Health where he remained until the Free National Movement won the government in August of 1992. He then served as Leader of the Opposition in the Senate up to June 1993, resigning to pursue a radio license after private radio was introduced. In late 1999, he was granted a license to open a radio station and in August 2001, Island FM

102.9 came on the air. Charles Carter also served as General Manager of The Nassau Guardian 1844 Ltd., one of the oldest newspapers in the region, located on Carter Street, Oakes Field.

A teller of Bahamian stories and a preserver of Bahamian culture, he was also co-chair of the National Independence Committee, for the 40th Anniversary of The Bahamas' Independence celebrations in 2013.

In 2016 for his accomplishments in broadcasting and media, Charles Carter was named knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (KCMG) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Sir Charles and Lady Carter have two sons Eddie and Mark, five grandchildren and one great-grand child.

Sir Charles continues to record the history of this illustrious country – The Commonwealth of The Bahamas