

Anne-Marie Campora (1938–2015)

Anne-Marie Campora, who was born in 1938 and died on 12 November 2015, was a Monegasque politician.

Completely devoted to her city, her country and her culture, Anne-Marie Campora served on the Council of the Commune for 20 years, working in the public interest and for the Principality. She played a key role in the Commune's work, developing and modernising the institution. By computerising services, reorganising the Commune's staff structure and creating new posts, she provided the boost needed to take it in a new direction.

Political career

Elected as a member of the Council of the Commune alongside Jean-Louis Médecin in 1983, she was appointed First Deputy Mayor in 1987. In 1991, Anne-Marie Campora became the first female Mayor of Monaco, and served three terms in this capacity from 1991 to 2003.

Major achievements

Highly active on social issues, her involvement in this area was naturally very strong even before she became Mayor, as social services were part of her remit. She initiated a considerable expansion of the Home Assistance programme, setting up the remote alarm system in 1986, followed by the meals on wheels service in 1987. A pioneer in the provision of different types of early childhood care for parents, she founded the Day-care Centre and the Mini Club in 1991, and the Monte-Carlo Crèche in 1997.

She equally made her mark on events, giving new energy to this area of municipal activity by creating the Events Department, which she continued to support and assist in coming up with fresh ideas. It was as a result of this effort that the Christmas Village came into being in 2000.

In the cultural realm, Anne-Marie Campora established the José Notari Sound Library and the Video Library at Villa Lamartine. Furthermore, it was under her leadership that the Rainier III Academy moved to new premises that promoted the artistic and cultural development of the country's young people.

Her remarkable achievements on social issues, and in the fields of culture and events are matched by her political successes. Anne-Marie Campora managed two transfers of authority to her office: the Home Assistance programme in 2002 and the Early Childhood Department. The latter was transferred following her departure in 2004, but she had coordinated and supervised all of the work before leaving post. This expansion of Monaco City Hall's remit helped to grow the Social Services Department considerably, in terms of both its role and its staff numbers.

The wellbeing of the community, the improvement of everyday life and quality of life were all priorities for Anne-Marie Campora. It was with these goals in mind that she embarked on the renovation of La Condamine Market Hall in 1993 and gave a boost to the Monte-Carlo Market. She was a great lover of traditions, and revived the traditional annual picnic for Monegasques in Princess Antoinette Park, in addition to supporting all of the associations which promote traditions.