Statement by Bermuda Premier
Michael Dunkley:

“On behalf of the Government of Bermuda, I send our condolences to the family of Mr. Teddy Tucker, MBE, one of the great Bermudians of our time. Teddy, as he was known to everyone, was a Bermudian original whose adventurous life and profound knowledge of the waters around Bermuda brought worldwide attention to the Island for more than six decades.

“Mr. Tucker’s accomplishments were almost incredible in their breadth. He was a sailor, diver, explorer, treasure hunter, lecturer, archaeologist, historian and author. He was also an extraordinarily successful promoter of Bermuda’s history, culture and character, inspiring Hollywood films, best-selling novels and articles in major magazines from National Geographic to Life.

“Mr. Tucker’s amazing knowledge of Bermuda’s waters began with his first jobs as a boy aboard local fishing boats and never stopped. He served his island country during WWII and, upon his return, began his archaeological survey of the 100s of fated ships, whose hulls —visible or not— ringed his Paradisiacal birthplace.

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Teddy Tucker is survived by his wife, Edna, and their daughter, Wendy. REQUIESCAT IN PACE!

Edward “Teddy” Bolton Tucker, Bermuda’s most knowledgeable shipwreck researcher, explorer, and archivist, set sail for his final port of call on 9 June 2014 to claim his rewards and place in History. And what a place that is!

A Native Bermudian, Teddy developed a driving interest in the great ocean which surrounded his homeland, and he devoted his life opening its secrets for the world to appreciate. He served his island country during WWII and, upon his return, began his archaeological survey of the 100s of fated ships, whose hulls —visible or not— ringed his Paradisiacal birthplace.

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