

***Edward Mervyn Patterson, BSc, MSc, DSc, FRSE, FGS.***

Dr Patterson, an Ulsterman and former President of the Society, died on 11th April 1997 at the age of 77. After embarking on a career with ICI, Ted left industry in 1947 to take up a lectureship in the Department of Geology at the University of St Andrews. However in the mid 1950s he returned to an industrial career with ICI in the Nobel Division at Ardeer. He remained there until he retired, having risen to the position of Manager of the Detonator Section. Although he had left an academic career he never lost his enthusiasm for his great love, the study of geology, and this interest was expressed in a number of his papers which were published in the Society's Transactions on the tectonics, igneous rocks and Old Red Sandstone deposits of parts of Ayrshire close to his home in West Kilbride. However his most significant contribution to geological research was through the series of papers which he produced in the 1950s on the basalts and associated rocks of the Antrim Plateau. He communicated his enthusiasm to others as a part time lecturer for the University of Glasgow's Department of Adult and Continuing Education from 1963 to 1977. In 1995, in recognition of his services to geology and long association with the Geological Society of Glasgow, he was created a life member. He is remembered with affection for his forthright manner and wry humour.

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