



Wing Commander Bill Traynor, MA (Cantab.)

Bill Traynor, former President and long serving member of the Birmingham Medal Society has passed away recently.

He was born at Barrow-in-Furness on 3 January 1919, where his Father was a pattern maker in the Vickers shipyard. In the early 1920s the family moved to Coventry where he secured a job in the car industry. Bill attended The Bablake School, Coventry, from where he went up to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, from which he obtained a BA in 1940 later advanced to an MA.

Bill joined the Meteorological Office in January 1941. Commissioned into the RAF. and served throughout the War, and demobilized in July 1946. In September of that year he was appointed Physics Master at King Edward's School, Birmingham, remaining there until he retired in 1982.

In 1947 Bill joined the school unit of the Air Training Corps and when the Combined Cadet Force was formed in 1949 became Commanding Officer of the RAF section. In 1972 he took command of the whole contingent, retiring as Wing Commander.

Bill began collecting medals in 1979, joining the OMRS and Birmingham Medal Society. He served on the committee of the latter and was its president from 1995 to 1998. Naturally, because of his Air Force background he specialised in medals to those who had served in the RFC. and RAF, being especially attracted to gallantry awards and unusual combinations of medals and bars.

Bill's funeral will be held on 27th February 2018, 11:30h, Lodge Hill Crematorium, Selly Oak, Weoley Park Road, Birmingham B29 5AA

REQUIESCAT IN PACE