

Long Standing Member Passes On.

It is with sadness that the Birmingham Medal Society announces the death of one of its earliest members, Tony Sabell MBE MSc FCOptom DCLP

Tony passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday 16th April 2012 following a short illness.

Tony's funeral took place at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Selly Oak at 1000h on Wednesday 25th April and was attended by members of the Society.

In 2008 Tony was awarded the MBE for outstanding clinical work in the field of contact lenses over a period of over 45 years. Quite apart from research, development, and teaching of contact lens practice at Aston University since the early 1960s he has, since retirement, devoted his whole time to the fitting and development of specialised contact lenses (mainly haptic) to pathological cases, children and small babies at the Birmingham Eye Hospital, whilst at the same time giving training and experience to a very select band of optometrists and ophthalmologists in this highly specialised area of clinical practice.

Tony was also a life fellow of the College of Optometrists.

The Society President Martin Harrison said, "Tony will be greatly missed, he was a regular attendee at meetings and until recently would still entertain us all with anecdotes and details of the many people whose medals were in his care. Requiescat in Pace".