## OBITUARY

## JOHN FARRALL BUSH (1924-1991) Council Member of the East Midlands Geological Society

It is with sadness that the Society reports the death, in May last year, of John Bush. He was not only a long standing member of the East Midlands Geological Society but also one who served on the Council and, as a member of the Editorial Board, was involved in the initiation of the "new-look" Mercian Geologist.

John had a distinguished aeronautical engineering career with Rolls Royce where, amongst other notable achievements, he was responsible for the design and development of the RB211 engine. In 1987 he was appointed Special Professor in the University of Nottingham's Department of Mechanical Engineering, and in 1990 he was awarded the Royal Aeronautical Society's Silver Medal.

But the Society knows John better as a keen "amateur" geologist, whose love of and interest in geology goes back over 20 years. His contribution as a member of Council was considerable. His approach was disarmingly simple, soundly based and methodical in its execution, an approach which belied his considerable intellect.

His support, strength and warmth will be sadly missed by all who had come into contact with him.

Judith Rigby