

Obituary

G. W. Pretlove 1913-1991

G. W. Pretlove came to amateur astronomy in mid-life. In 1958 he built a 6-inch reflector, with which he observed numerous galaxies, gas clouds and faint clusters, and in 1962 was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. On joining the Northamptonshire Natural History Society in 1960 he immediately became a pillar of its Astronomical Section, and was elected Section President

in 1962, a position he held until his death on 12 November 1991. His strong personality yet quiet and unassuming manner made him the ideal chairman, and his observational skill was complemented by a comprehensive knowledge of the theory and mathematics of modern cosmology. His absence is keenly felt.

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