

### **Mr Edward James Lees**

Ted was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina but at the age of eleven he was sent to school in Dollar, Scotland mainly to encourage his use of English instead of Spanish. He trained in Electrical Engineering and was apprenticed to English Electric. However he had already volunteered for the Territorial Army and was immediately called up. The story of how he was injured, captured, nursed to health by nuns in France and spent over five years in a POW camp are all recorded in his book 'Behind Barbed Wire'. Whilst in prison a young girl living next to his mother wrote to him and became his pen-pal. On his return he met her face to face and fell in love with Olive. God blessed their union with two children, Jean and David.

Ted had meanwhile designed a particular transformer and was offered the opportunity of travelling to Chile to see it installed. Further opportunities came to do the same in Mexico. By this time the firm realised Ted's gifts and linguistic ability and he stayed there for a number of years.

Seeking to move further afield he took a job with Renolds based in Wythenshaw, but Ted was their marketing manager around the world, even taking the responsibility of Managing Director for a few years before retirement.

He and Olive moved to Llandudno some 33 years ago. Sadly Olive died in 1992 but since then Ted has struck a deep friendship with Beryl.

We remember Ted for his gentlemanly courtesy, respect for all peoples and traditions, his faith and wisdom in all things. He has served this church faithfully as an Elder for 33 years and always been held in the highest regard by everyone.

We offer the sympathy of the church to Jean and Mike, David and Allison and all the grandchildren.