

Patrick
Gordon
Wilson

1929–2005



A passage in time

Patrick Gordon Wilson

Umtata, South Africa 29 January 1929 – Brisbane, Australia 14 February 2005

Patrick was born in Umtata, South Africa in 1929. He studied engineering at Wittwatersrand University and gained a Bachelor of Engineering degree.

He travelled to London where he met Pam Watkins in 1956. He then followed Pam to Brisbane and they married in 1958.

Patrick and Pam had three children—Stephen 1962, Paul 1964, Johanna 1966.

As a civil engineer Patrick specialised in soil mechanics and became over forty years a nationally recognised expert in this specialist field.

Patrick developed his career working at Brisbane City Council, Queensland Government (Main Roads) and Stabilizers Ltd.

He joined the well known engineers Coffey and Hollingsworth later Coffey and Partners in the 1960s and became a partner in the firm

He retired from Coffey and Partners in the mid 1980s and became an independent consultant in soil mechanics.

Interests and community activities included: public speaking – Rostrum Club; President Cystic Fibrosis Assoc.; Brisbane Independent School; part-time lecturer at QUT; voluntary work for NATA and radio presenter at 4MBS; classical music; Foundation Member of the Jane Austen Society; patron and supporter of art and architecture.

Pam

Stephen, Lizzy, Alistair, Louisa

Paul, Margie, Nikola, Thea

Order of service

Howard Ainsworth

Celebrant

Michael Bryce

Family friend and colleague

Ray Robinson

Rostrum Club

Alison Cotes

A reading from
Tintern Abbey by William Wordsworth

Paul Wilson

on behalf of the family

Howard Ainsworth

Music

Miserere by Allegri
Serenade for strings by Elgar



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'Patrick' sketch by Pam Wilson