

OBITUARY – Roy Spring

A MAN who was given an MBE for his years of service to Salisbury Cathedral has died aged 80.

Roy Spring became clerk of works at the cathedral in 1968 and received the honour from the Queen on his retirement in 1996.

But he continued to work part-time at the cathedral, cataloguing records, until 2001.

Mr Spring was originally from Northamptonshire and began his career as a plumbing and heating engineering apprentice before working at Rugby School.

He moved to Salisbury in the 1960s with his wife Jean and the couple then moved to Hale in 1992.

They had three children and during his retirement Mr Spring enjoyed spending time with his family as well as gardening, reading, walking and carpentry.

He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in the early 1990s and after spending time in two nursing homes, he died at Ashley Grange Nursing Home, Downton, on November 24.

The funeral took place on December 5 and a thanksgiving service at the cathedral is planned for the new year.



Roy Spring inspecting the tower of Salisbury Cathedral in 1983.