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Geoffrey Wakefield Crawley

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| BIRTH | 10 Dec 1926 |
| DEATH | 29 Oct 2010 (aged 83) Westcliff-on-Sea, Southend-on-Sea Unitary Authority, Essex, England |
| BURIAL | Cremated |
| MEMORIAL ID | 202739073 · |

Geoffrey Crawley was a distinguished photographic expert and photo-journalist. He was editor in chief of the “British Journal Of Photography” for two decades in which capacity he published his magnum opus “THAT ASTONISHING AFFAIR OF THE COTTINGLEY FAIRIES”, a series of articles about the ludicrous Cottingley fairies case in which two young girls - Elsie Wright [MEMORIAL ID 20195077] and Frances Griffiths [MEMORIAL ID 20195129] - duped the world in 1917. These articles are in places highly technical; they appeared between December 24, 1982 and April 8, 1983.

According to his obituary in the “Guardian”, November 15, 2010, Crawley was born at Bow, East London, moving with his parents to Southend-on-Sea when he was four years old, and later to Leigh-on-Sea. However, his birth was actually registered at Southend. He attended Westcliff High School For Boys but learned photography from his father.

He had intended to become a professional musician, but music’s loss was photography’s gain. He continued his vocation until shortly before his death.

Geoffrey Crawley died at his Westcliff-on-Sea home. He was survived by his wife, Carolyn and his son Thomas.

His November 10 funeral service was well attended featuring music by Bach and Beethoven. Donations in his name were requested to Macmillan Cancer Support.

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