

SHAIKH MUHAMMAD TUFAIL

Al Haji Shaikh Muhammad Tufail, who died on April 26 at the age of 63, was a leading member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim sect, and an Islamic scholar who was active in bringing together religious leaders of different faiths.

Born in India, he first came to Britain from Pakistan in 1951 as assistant Imam of the Shah Jehan Mosque in Woking. He later spent four years in the Netherlands before returning to this country to be Imam of the Shah Jehan Mosque from 1959

to 1966. During those years he was also joint editor of the *Islamic Review*.

From 1966 to 1969 he was in the West Indies, mainly Trinidad, where he established a series of interfaith conferences.

On returning again to Britain, he continued to be active in interfaith matters, as a member, for instance, of the Society for Jews, Christians and Muslims. His last public appointment was at Westminster Abbey in March for the Commonwealth Day ceremony.