



Goalkeeper Jim Kipping (back row, centre) with the cup-winning Wanderers team.

Keeper Jim dies aged 86

THE man believed to be among the oldest surviving members of the only Wycombe Wanderers football team to win the Amateur Cup has died, aged 86.

Jim Kipping, who kept goal for the Blues in the 1931 final against Hayes at Highbury — home of First Division Arsenal — died last Wednesday.

His eldest son, Dudley, of Wordsworth Road, High Wycombe, told the Free Press: "People around at the time say he was probably the best goalkeeper the club has ever had.

"The only reason he didn't get an international cap was because he would not play on a Sunday."

For Jim, a member of the Wycombe

Baptist Church in Easton Street, was a devout Christian.

Born in High Wycombe and a veteran of the First World War trenches in France, he was a dental mechanic until retirement in 1965.

He leaves two sons, Dudley and Roland, and five grandchildren. His wife, Minnie died in March.

Jim's funeral service was held at Wycombe Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon.

Wanderers' cup final triumph, in which Jim played a major part, is the highlight of the club's 101-year history.

Blues left winger Alf Britnell scored the only goal of the game in front of more than 32,000 fans.