

Blues mourn Gorman's wife

ASSISTANT manager Steve Brown described this year as the toughest season in Wanderers' history as he and the players attended the funeral of manager John Gorman's wife Myra yesterday.

She died, aged 56, at their Binfield home on Sunday after losing her long battle against cancer.

Mr Gorman said: "She was so special. She was such a perfect wife, mother and grandmother."

Her funeral was held at St Thomas More Church in Twyford yesterday afternoon.

It is the second time in two months that the players have had

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to attend a funeral. In January their teammate Mark Philo died in a road crash.

Brown said: "This has probably been the toughest season in Wycombe's history with the loss of Mark Philo and Myra. Psychologically it's a lot to deal with. It has been a horrible time with so much suffering."

But he paid tribute to Gorman for the way he has handled himself. His wife, who had previously

beaten breast cancer, had been fighting her latest illness for a year.

Brown said: "The gaffer was positive all along and I don't know how he's done it.

"He never used it as an excuse. He kept it separate and well away from his work. I admire him so much.

"He's someone I look up to as a man, and as a real friend.

"They were such a wonderful couple. They were married for 35 years and that's a wonderful achievement. Their love for each other never wilted.

"There will be a huge void in his life now."

"He's going to need a lot of help but this is a fantastic club and everyone will look after him. We are a family club and we look after each other."

Gorman was not at Saturday's match against Oxford United and it is not known whether he will be at Whaddon Road for tomorrow's match against Cheltenham.

Brown said: "I feel so helpless but the best thing we can all do as players and staff at this football club is to try and win promotion. That's what John set out to do at the start of the season and we will not lose sight of that."

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