

Harold 'Jack' Brooks

THE daughter of a former Wycombe Wanderers' player has paid tribute to her father, known as 'Mr Music', who died on January 11.

West Wycombe born Harold Brooks, who passed away aged 93, lived all of his life in High Wycombe, and was known to friends and family by the nickname 'Jack'.

His daughter Wendy Headford, 63, said: "He lived around here all his life. In his younger days he played football for Wycombe Wanderers for six seasons between 1934 and 1939 where he was known as Johnnie Brooks. He was never known as Harold.

"Wherever we went around Wycombe someone always shouted 'hello Jack' or 'hello Johnnie'."

Mr Brooks, of Jubilee Road, Downley, served in the Oxford and Bucks Infantry in 1943 during the Second World War. He went into France the day after D-Day taking ammunition to the frontline.

Mrs Headford added: "He was a very well-known entertainer all around Wycombe and Buckinghamshire.

"He played the piano and electric organ and was also a

drummer with Reg Cooper and his trio.

"He went down to London in the early 1950s and made three records with HMV. They're beautiful, but very crackly. I played one of him singing in the middle of the service."

Mr Brooks' funeral took place on January 30.

"He was a wonderful wonderful man," she added.

"He loved Wycombe and West Wycombe so much that I would say 'why don't you move to Somerset to be near family'. He was so lonely, but he would not leave. He would say 'Wycombe isn't the same anymore except for my hills, my fields and my woods'," Mrs Headford added.

He is survived by his daughter and a nephew Rodney Still.

'He went down to London in the early 1950s and made three records with HMV. They're beautiful but very crackly.'