

RIP Sheldon Bressington

Former player passes away.

The Wanderers are sad to lose another of their popular players from the 1960s with the death, at the age of 83, of Sheldon Bressington.

A founder member of Wycombe's Ex-Players Association, he'd been in ill-health for some time and passed away on Monday following a stroke just after watching the Chelsea v Manchester Utd game on TV.

Enticed to Wycombe in 1961 by future Wanderers' chairman, Chief Superintendent Jack Smethurst, the policeman took no prisoners as a rampaging centre forward. Although his early sporting career was as a rugby player, he converted well enough to spend two happy seasons at Loakes Park. His footballing talent didn't quite match his enthusiasm, but he averaged a goal every other game in his 13 senior matches and many more for the hugely successful reserve side.

After leaving the police force, Sheldon formed his own companies locally involving office cleaning, transport, manufacturing and engineering while encouraging sons Matt and Gareth in his first love of rugby. But he was equally delighted when nephew Graham Bressington made the grade at Wycombe between 1985-88.

Born in South Wales, he joined the Royal Navy at an early age before becoming a policeman, marrying Carole who survives him and bringing up their family in Beacons Bottom near Stokenchurch. He was also a proud grandfather of two and more recently became a great granddad. Our thoughts are with all his family. Funeral details to follow shortly.