



Wycombe's ex-players and fans will be stunned by the news that former club captain Bob Dell has died suddenly at the age of 64.

He was taken ill while working at his building company and passed away at Stoke Mandeville Hospital after suffering a heart attack. Our thoughts with his wife, two children and brother Ant.

Bob was a unassuming local lad who did well in business and on the pitch. Between 1979-86 he made 397 senior appearances for the Blues as a driving midfielder, contributing 45 goals. These helped his side to the Isthmian League title in 1982-83, a League Cup win in 1984-85 and a path to the FA Trophy semi-final. He played a key role in the Mike Keen squad of that era and was a popular but humble teammate.

He was slightly embarrassed when honoured with a Life Membership of the Wanderers' Ex-Players Association alongside Mark West and Gary Lester in November 2019. But it was an award well deserved for his displays on the field at Loakes Park and for his work as a founding father of WWEPA from the start in 2009.

Bob energetically rounded up old teammates and guests for lots of our events – many after persuading them over the odd pint or two. Despite his long-term affection for the Wanderers, he was also an avid Manchester United fan. A season ticket holder, he travelled regularly to Old Trafford and also supported them on scores of European trips. Taken far too early, he will be sadly missed.

Photo: Bob Dell receives his WWEPA Life Membership from ex-teammate Kevin Keen.