



**Roy Ruffell - August 11th, 1938 - February 7th, 2008**

Dear TFC families and friends of Roy Ruffell, as you know Roy passed away on February 7th and his life will be celebrated on **Tuesday, Feb. 12th, 2 PM**, at Charles Smith and Son Funeral Home in McKinney, TX. The funeral home is located at 601 South Tennessee St in McKinney. Phone number is 972-562-7788. For directions please visit - <http://www.funeralhomesguide.com/Texas/McKinney/CharlesWSmithSonFuneralHome.html>. Personal viewing will be held on **Monday, February, 11th, from 6-8 PM** at the same location.

Roy has asked that no one wear black and if possible to wear blue and white, what a

surprise as these are the same colors as QPR. Never one to miss an opportunity to support his beloved Queens Park Rangers. Roy has also ask that we celebrate his life and not his passing. Below is a brief summary of some of Roy's accomplishments both in England and here in the USA. Friends and families from both parts are singing his praises and reminiscing with smiles on their faces as Roy always lightened up a room with his smile and charisma. When coaching young players, Roy always had a soft word or a shoulder to lean on when a player was down. His quiet motivational style touched so many players and families it is no wonder why so many are saddened to hear about his passing.

### **In England**

**Professional Player with Queens Park Rangers F.C.**

**Semi Professional Player with Hayes F.C. and Southall F.C. for 18 years.**

**Professional coach for Brentford F.C., Crystal Palace F.C. and Queens Park Rangers F.C. for 10 years.**

**Physical Education Teacher for Chelsea and Hurlingham Schools for 17 years.**

**Qualifications in Field Hockey, Basketball, Rugby and Cricket.**

**English Preliminary Soccer Coaching Award – 1969**

**English Full Badge Soccer Coaching Award – 1976**

### **In USA**

**USSF "D" Badge Award – North Texas SA – 1999**

**Head of Coaching for Genesis Soccer Club – 1988/92**

**Coach for the Richardson Rockets Semi-Professional Team 1992/94**

**Coached for Solar, Kicks SC and Comets SC, Hawks SC and continued coaching for Dallas Texans SC when both clubs joined. 1995/04**

**Coach for Everton FC America - Silver 91 Boys - 2005/06**

**Coach for Texas Football Club, TFC - 91 boys and 95 boys - 2006-08**

**Coaching Director for the Plano Soccer Association (Competitive League).**

**Commissioner of the Plano Competitive Soccer League.**

**Staff Coach for North Texas State Soccer Association**

### **From Hayes United Football Club in England -**

I was but a young teenager when Roy was manager of Hayes Football Club and he was one of the nicest people you could meet, never had a bad word to say about anybody, apart from his players on a bad day!

It was only a couple of years ago that Roy came to visit the old club and had a chat about times gone by with some of us long surviving supporters.

The Directors of Hayes and Yeading United pass on sincere condolences, many of whom would have been at the club when Roy was our manager.

I will approach our Board of Directors tomorrow and ask if they will allow a minutes silence prior to our game with Bromley for this weekend.

Best regards, Kevin Watts  
Hayes & Yeading United FC

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**From the Hayes United Football Club Website -**

In recent years there have been several examples of men who have served Hayes both as player and manager. One of them was **Roy Ruffell**. Born in 1938, Roy joined the QPR ground staff from North Hammersmith School. After National Service in 1956-8, he joined Southall and moved to Hayes in December 1961. A right-back, he made 171 appearances and scored just two goals, both in 1962-3 season. The second of these was a crucial equaliser at Whitley Bay in the Amateur Cup, when Hayes progressed to the quarter-finals and should have gone further, had it not been his misplaced back-pass which was intercepted by a Hitchin forward in a game which Hayes dominated. During his time at Hayes, he was renowned for his rendering of *High Noon* at social functions. In summer 1966 he was one of the band of first-teamers who joined Harrow Town. A year later he joined Uxbridge, where he assumed the managerial role in 1969. Next stop was Brentford, where he managed the juniors under Frank Blunstone. When Blunstone went to Manchester United, Roy went to



Crystal Palace as

first-team assessor under Malcolm Allison. He then returned to QPR as youth team manager under Gordon Jago and then Dave Sexton. In 1973-4 he went to Hillingdon Borough as reserve team manager under Alan Hawley, and when Barry Fry was appointed, he took over as manager of Hounslow. At the start of 1979-80 he was appointed reserve team manager under Martin Hackett and, when the latter was fired, Roy was named in his place. Roy's time as Hayes manager was marked by good cup runs, but antagonism towards players and officials, which came to a head at Christmas 1983, when several valuable players were put on the transfer list. The axe fell quickly and Roy moved to Hendon for a season, before joining Viking Sports in his last post. When Roy was around, life was never dull.



To all who have sent well wishes and their condolences, Linda Ruffell and the entire Ruffell family are very grateful. Roy was loved by many and will be missed terribly. Roy Ruffell deserves our highest respect, as he deserves nothing less!

With warmest regards,  
Ed

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