

PRAYER AND BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

MATCH OF THE DAY

CLAUDE NEVILLE BRIGGS

17th AUGUST 1930 - 6th DECEMBER 2022

DATE

TIME

SHERWOOD CREMATORIUM
NEWARK ROAD
NEW OLLERTON
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Don't think of him as gone away
his journey has just begun
Life holds so many facets,
this earth is only onw

Just think of him as resting from
sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days or years

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING MUSIC
MOONLIGHT SERENADE
GLENN MILLER

WELCOME

DON'T MOURN MY DEATH
CELEBRATE MY LIFE

LORDS PRAYER

SONG: I DID IT MY WAY
FRANK SINATRA

THE PASSING OF A FOOTBALLER

Football's a match made in heaven
Which is fan-tastic news for me
And heaven's a level playing field
Where anyone can kick off for free

The referee needs no introduction
Or whistle for a foul blow
When God raises his eyebrows
None argue with the penalty or throw

The transfer window never closes
As new players arrive all the time
There's always a top team to play on
As for the kit, I just wish I'd brought mine

We kick off side by side in a minute
Cheered by old family, teammates and friends
Football's really a blast in heaven
After your first whistle the matches never end

The details of my career served with pride for 63years
Neville Briggs – D.O.B. 17/08/1930.

1. In 1941 I represented my school team as goal keeper for 3 years, leaving school at the age of 14 years
2. I played with the local side Edwinstowe United for 2 years – Worksop League
3. At 16 years old I joined Ollerton Colliery (at that time playing in the Midland League also represented the Central Alliance League v League Winners)
4. Played a number of games for Leicester City A team and then was called up for National Service in 1948 for 2 years, I represented the Royal Corp of Signals also selected for the Northern Command side.
5. Owing to a knee injury my playing career was curtailed.
6. In 1951 I joined up with Tom Johnson the Manager of Rotherham United, involved with youth development and scouting, and latterly became Chief Scout, working under 3 other Managers – Danny Williams, Jack Mansell & Tommy Doherty.
7. I left Rotherham United in 1968 to re-join up with Tommy Docherty the Manager at Aston Villa, where I held the position of Chief Scout until 1981 (I had then worked under 3 Managers. (Tommy Docherty – Vic Crowe and Ron Saunders) over a period of 9 years
8. In 1977/8 I joined Sheffield United as Chief Scout at the behest of Jimmy Sirrell and then for Harry Haslam.
9. I then joined Stoke City FC as Chief Scout with both Alan Durban and Richie Barker until 1983.
10. From there I worked part time with Jim Smith at QPR until 1988
11. Then 1988 I went with Jim Smith to Newcastle United, where I worked for 10 years under the management of Ossie Ardiles - Kevin Keegan, Kenny Dalglish & Ruud Guilit.
12. Whilst at Newcastle I was also Assistants Manager/Coach to Notts FA and at that time we won the County Youth Cup.1991/2.
13. 1998 I joined Kevin Keegan at Fulham FC and whilst there I worked under Paul Bracewell, Jean Tigana and Chris Coleman.
14. In 2005 due to ill health and a stroke the consultant advised that I retire from the game, having served 63 wonderful years and met some phenomenal people on my journey.

The family are grateful for your kindness,
cards and words of support
which have been a great comfort.

You are all very warmly invited for refreshments at
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