

GWEN OWEN...

THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR GWEN OWEN, WHO WAS COUNTY SECRETARY AND AN ADMINISTRATOR IN THE FOURTH HARROW SCOUT GROUP, WAS HELD ON MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2016.



Her family had prepared a eulogy and part of this follows:

"Mum was a person who would do anything for others. She was born in Shepherds Bush in January 1931 and had an older brother, Alan. She was a proficient Tennis player and competed in County competitions. She married Tom Owen and they moved in March 1953 to Hammersmith where she had two children, Jean and David. Tom died of cancer in 1967 and Gwen brought up the two children, driving them on family holidays. She joined the Parent-Teacher Association at the Harrow County Boys' School and provided teas for sports games. She helped with fund-raising for the Fourth Harrow Scout Group and played badminton in the Scout Headquarters. She became County Secretary in the late 1980's and also continued her fund-raising work for the Scouts. She was awarded the Silver Acorn for her more than 20 years service to Scouting.

Gwen loved her four grandchildren and enjoyed dressmaking, knitting cardigans and jumpers for them. She liked making novelty birthday cakes for them. She moved to

Winslow in 1997 where she worked hard to improve the garden. There, she joined the Friends of the local Surgery and raised funds with them.

When her eyesight and memory deteriorated she remained independent until she needed to move into a care home in Worcester near her daughter in 2015, where she liked to visit local garden centres."

She will be fondly remembered by her family and friends, and her colleagues in Scouting, as a person who liked to help other people and particularly in fund-raising.