



One of Kelly's favourite pictures.

## Kelly Jones

Sadly, WiSH Volunteer, and passionate Wimbledon supporter, Kelly Jones died on Friday 3 January. In the words of Dominic, one of her sons, "she went peacefully and surrounded by love." As you will read below, Kelly was a top person, who was held in high regard.

Kelly's WiSH volunteering was once the feature of a matchday programme.

Kelly, a Museum Host, was quoted as follows: "Oh Wow! – I really love hearing this reaction from visitors to the museum. I cannot take any credit for the creation of this amazing display, as that is down to the hard work and dedication of the WiSH Team, but I have found myself an important role in making visitors to the museum feel welcome."

This was typical of Kelly, always aware and appreciative of the efforts of those around her.

It was fantastic to see Kelly receive the WiSH Award for Outstanding Dedication. She told me she hadn't received an award like this before, and I've been reliably informed it sat proudly on her mantelpiece. I hope that this award showed Kelly, that her smiling, positive and friendly demeanour gave visitors to our club a true Wimbledon welcome. And this was hugely appreciated.

Kelly also mentioned her favourite item to show off was Vinnie Jones' FA Cup winners medal. However, Kelly's eyes would light up, as she recounted



Kelly receiving a WiSH award.

the diverse range of visitors to the museum; particularly those that had travelled from around the world.

Kelly was not short of suggestions, one of which was to have a visitors book, something which has recorded visitors comments ever since.

I felt privileged to have known Kelly. I will always remember her for her warmth, humour, and passion for making all visitors equally welcome. I'm incredibly pleased to say that WiSH has named the small office in the museum after Kelly.

### Other WiSH Volunteers paid tribute....

"Kelly was a lovely lady and the perfect Museum host. Always keen to help visitors with a cheery disposition, she genuinely enjoyed her role and was always a reliable pair of hands when volunteering with her. It was a pleasure to have known her, she will be much missed" – Ray.

"She was a lovely person, in chats with her she always said how much she enjoyed volunteering with WiSH, especially in the museum" – Jan.

"I worked with her periodically in the museum and always found her to be friendly and enthusiastic with visitors. Such a lovely lady" – Trevor.

"Kelly was an adorable lady always pleased to see you and a very hard working, proud volunteer, she will be dearly missed" – Dean.

"Kelly embodied everything that was good and great about WiSH. She was gentle, kind, always ready to help, passionate about our club and its history, she was just a wonderful, wonderful person. She is such a loss to us at WiSH, but to the Club as well" – Peter.

Kelly will be missed but never forgotten and always remembered with a smile!

**Chris Hutchinson**



Kelly surrounded by her WiSH friends.