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Dear President, *dear friend,*

It was with great sadness that I learnt this morning of the passing of the former President of the Scottish Football Association and honorary FIFA vice-president, David Will.

Thanks to his wisdom, diplomacy and integrity, David made an extraordinary contribution to our game throughout his life. His great warmth, kindness and humour made him an extremely popular figure who will live long in the memory of all who had the good fortune to meet him.

In appointing David as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2002, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II could barely have recognised a finer and more consummate ambassador for Scotland, the United Kingdom and the game of football worldwide. His sense of propriety and fair play made him a highly respected and acclaimed representative of our game and as such, he will be sorely missed by the countless friends he gained all around the world.

His passion for football was nothing short of extraordinary. The decades of loyal service he devoted to the work of the Scottish Football Association, UEFA and FIFA have had a far-reaching impact on the game at all levels and will never be forgotten. During his many successful years within the highest echelons of football, the enjoyment he took from the game in its essence never wavered. The immense pleasure that football gave him was unmistakable and his unfailing support for his treasured Brechin City underscored the authentic nature of this enthusiasm.

David's competence, versatility and diligence led to his appointment as chairman of numerous FIFA and UEFA committees, including the FIFA Referees Committee, Players Status Committee and Legal Committee. Upon his retirement from the FIFA and UEFA Executive Committees, the magnitude of his contribution to football within Europe and worldwide over the preceding decades gained deserved recognition when he was named honorary vice-president of both FIFA and UEFA.

I feel extremely privileged to have known a man who loved football so dearly and FIFA is very fortunate to have had a vice-president whose joy for the game in its purest form never dimmed.

Personally and on behalf of all the members of the international football community who knew, trusted and respected David, I would like to extend the sincerest condolences and sympathy to you and the entire Scottish football community at this time of great sadness for us all.

Yours sincerely,

  
Joseph S. Blatter