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### **GORDON BEARD TRIBUTE**

The family of 79 year-old missing Gordon Beard whose body was found yesterday (7 February) have spoken about their loss.

Florence Beard, Gordon's wife of 62 years and his two sons David and Alan would like to thank the police, the community and the media for all their help and support during the investigation.

Gordon had retired in 1993 after a successful career in the mining industry. He was well respected in his field and had dedicated his working life to the National Coal Board. He and his family had moved around the country with his career and eventually settled in Loggerheads where after 40 years he retired as a Deputy Director.

Florence and David said: "Gordon will be sadly missed. The news from yesterday although very distressing, at least ends the waiting and not knowing and allows us some kind of closure.

"I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the search for my father. We have been overwhelmed by the support and kindness shown, particularly from our local community, during this difficult time."

If you see an old poster asking for help to find Gordon, can you please remove it?

**MEDIA NOTE:** The family have now expressed a wish to grieve and not be contacted by any members of the media.]

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