

MICHAEL LEON MULLENDER MBE (G42-50)

He was born on 3 September 1931 in Lowestoft, Suffolk.

In July 1952 he was appointed 2nd Lt in the Royal Corps of Signals.

He worked for the UK Atomic Energy Authority as a Physicist and rose to be a Senior Scientific Officer at AWE Aldermaston. He was awarded the MBE in Queen's Birthday Honour list in 1983 for services to the Ministry of Defence and voluntary work with young people - he gave over 60 years of service to the Scout Association.



He was also awarded the Gazette Good Citizen award in November 1993 for his work as Warden of Crabtree Campsite (a residential activity site for the youth of Basingstoke).

Following his retirement from AWE Aldermaston in 1994, he volunteered as an adviser with the Citizens Advice Bureau for 15 years.



In 2014, jointly with his wife Beryl, he was named Basingstoke's Unsung Community Hero. This award is chosen by public vote. Between them they had clocked up 117 years of service to Scouting, both starting in the 1950s as assistant Cub leaders.

He was also the recipient of the Scout Association's Silver Wolf for services to Scouting of the most exceptional nature.

He died of metastatic prostate cancer in Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital on 18 December 2015 aged 84. A celebration of his life took place at St Mary's Church, Old Basing near Basingstoke on 6 January 2016. He leaves his wife Beryl and three sons.