ALAN BALL OF FIRE

Former Everton & England Midfielder

Dedicated to a Tireless and Inspirational World Cup Winner

An England World Cup Winner, when this Lad was only Twenty. Lots of Skill and Industry, plus Pride and Passion, he had Plenty. A fearless, feisty, Farnworth Lad, had a Curly Mop of Carrot Red. No blade of grass was left uncovered, as round the field he sped. Blackpool was his first Club, but he soon outgrew their 'Cosy Nest'. A Record Transfer deal to Everton, saw him approach his very best. Linked up with the skillful Colin Harvey, superb Howard Kendall too. Like Three Telepathic Weavers, they wove their Tapestry of Blue. On packed terraces at Goodison, the exuberant 'Bally' was adored. Fans loved his sheer Commitment and the Vital Goals he Scored. Five Happy Years flew by so quickly, to rivals Arsenal he was sold. It was Heartbreaking to leave the Blues, a Sad Tale he often told. Revialised Southampton's Saints, for his well earned 'Last Hurrah'. Every Team Alan ever played for, he was a Glittering, Shining Star. Copyright - John McEwan - Everton Poet