



Born on September 12th 1951, in Kidwelly, Ray Gravell was a rugby legend whose powerful presence on the pitch, combined with his warmth off it, made him an adored figure in the world of rugby.

Gravell's rugby journey began in the local clubs of Kidwelly, where his imposing stature and natural talent as a centre quickly got attention.

Making his debut for Llanelli RFC, he soon became a mainstay in the team, known for his hard-hitting tackles, powerful runs, and an undeniable love for the game.

Gravell's international career with the Welsh national team started in 1975, and his partnership with Phil Bennett in the midfield became iconic.

His performances in the red jersey earned him a reputation as a formidable opponent, contributing to Wales' Grand Slam victory in the Five Nations Championship in 1978.

Off the field, Ray Gravell was a gentle giant, known for his friendliness and a genuine love for people. His charismatic personality and storytelling ability made him a beloved figure, transcending rugby circles.

Beyond rugby, Gravell pursued a career in broadcasting and acting, showcasing his versatility.

Ray Gravell's sudden passing in 2007 left a void in Welsh rugby, but his legacy lives on.

His rugby boots are proudly displayed on the wall at Carmarthen Athletic Rugby Club.