

Vincent John Davies

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Business Man and Cricketer.—The death took place on Sunday, following a long illness, of Mr. Vincent John Davies, aged 57, of Harelda, Parkhurst Road. Born at Cardiff, where he was educated at the High School, Mr. Davies was an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers. He came to the Island in 1934 as manager of Messrs. Thomas Seed and Co., a capacity in which he continued until the business was acquired by Messrs. Wood and Jolliffe during the war, when he became the Island retail sales manager for that firm. He held this post until the commencement of his illness.

During the 1914-18 war he served with the Royal Welch Fusiliers, and in the last war was prominent in the Parkhurst A.R.P. organization. Since 1934 he had been a member of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons and some years ago held office at assistant secretary.

His main spare time interest was cricket, and for many years he was a member of the Newport club, securing a place in the first eleven as a useful opening bat. He retired from active play some four years ago, but continued his interest in the club as an umpire. He was also a member of the Conservative Club, the Literary Society, and the Newport Victoria Sports Club. Mr. Davies was greatly esteemed, and his death is much regretted. He leaves a widow and one son.

The funeral service was at the Parish Church on Thursday, the large attendance including some 60 Masonic brethren from Albany and other Island lodges. The Rev. J. W. F. Wayet (rector of Gatcombe) officiated, and, in the absence on holiday of the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), the Rev. W. H. Price (minister of the Castlehold Baptist Church) paid tribute to the deceased as one who always kept his eye on the ball and played a straight bat. The service included the 23rd Psalm and the hymn "Lead, kindly light". Bro. W. H. Margham read the Masonic oration and the brethren sang the closing ode.

The mourners were Mrs. M. Davies (widow), Mr. L. J. Davies (son), the Misses A. and I. Davies (sisters, also representing Mrs. J. W. Davies, mother, who was unable to attend), and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stribley and Mr. and Mrs. W. Pike (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law).

Representatives of firms with which Mr. Davies was connected were Brig. S. J. L. Hill, D.S.O., M.C. (the directors, Associated Coal and Wharf Companies), Messrs. H. J. Cooper (Messrs. Wood and Jolliffe), E. C. Golding (Messrs. Fraser and White and the Isle of Wight Coal Merchants' Association), B. M. Gubbins (Messrs. Gubbins and Ball), and N. H. Tier (Southern Wharves, Ltd.). Other members of the staff of the associated companies present were Messrs. F. H. Tutton (Newport), P. C. Scovell (Ryde), P. Wearne (Freshwater), C. Plowman (Ventnor), A. Groves (also representing Mr. L. Coward), A. Pragnell, F. Knowles, W. Terry, and C. Gamlin. Other representatives present included Messrs. A. J. Neill (staff of Barclay's Bank), W. G. Rodway and H. Barber (Newport C.C.), W. Guy and C. J. Barham (Newport Trades C.C.), G. Norman, C.C., J. Watson, and A. H. Cooke (Newport Literary Society), and E. C. Pearson, M.S.M., T.C., J. Whittington, C. Evans, M. Caws, and W. Satherley (Parkhurst A.R.P. Wardens).

The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the many floral tributes including those from the Literary Society; Victoria Sports Club; Newport Cricket Club; Trades Cricket Club; Albany Lodge of Freemasons; A.R.P. Wardens, Parkhurst; manager and staff of Barclays Bank; outdoor staff, Messrs. Wood and Jolliffe; staff of Messrs. Wood and Jolliffe, and John V. Clarke and directors of the Associated Coal and Wharf Companies. The arrangements were made by Messrs. H. and F. Damp.

Mrs. Davies and John thank all friends, neighbours, and relatives and the directors and staff of Messrs. Wood and Jolliffe for their kind help, floral tributes, and messages of sympathy in their great sorrow, and especially Dr. A. A. Heathcote and Nurse Stack for their kind and untiring attention during Mr. Davies's long illness. Please accept this as the only intimation.

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