

**John Thomas Duke**

**Isle of Wight County Press – 12 November 1921**

**NEWPORT.**

**DEATH OF MR. J. T. DUKE.** – We regret to record the sudden death on Wednesday of Mr. John Thomas Duke, aged 71, of 8 St. John's-place, the well-known accountant. Deceased was discharging his duties as usual at the office of Mr. W. C. H. Eyles, Pyle-street, until Wednesday evening, after which he returned home and retired to rest just before nine, apparently in his wonted health. A little later his wife woke and found that he had passed away peacefully in his sleep, apparently owing to heart failure. He had been medically attended recently, and therefore an inquest was not necessary. Deceased was a native of the borough, and the last surviving member of the family of the late Mr. T. Duke, who was in business at Towngate Mill. He served continuously and very efficiently for some 11 years as one of the elective auditors for the borough with Mr. W. C. Black. Formerly he was a very valued and active worker for the Conservative party. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and family in their bereavement. The funeral will take place on Monday, the first part of the service at St. John's Church at 2/30.

**Isle of Wight County Press – 19 November 1921**

**NEWPORT.**

**THE LATE MR. J. T. DUKE.** – The funeral of Mr. J. T. Duke, aged 71, borough elective auditor, took place on Monday, the first part of the service being at St. John's Church, and the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon officiating. The mourners were Messrs. J. V. and T. E. Duke (sons), Mesdames J. V. and T. E. Duke (daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Lawrence (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Messrs. F. E. Hunter, T. H. and A. Loosemore, C. Haxthausen, and A. Smith (nephews). There were also present Messrs. S. C. Wadham, T.C., C. Steel, T.C. (mayor's auditor), W. C. Black (elective auditor), P. E. Shields, M.C. (borough accountant), A. Chappell (Quay superintendent), W. Blake, T.C., A. F. Hart (sanitary inspector), H. W. Lincoln (rate collector), W. H. C. Eyles, H. E. Warder, G. Weeks, F. P. Spencer, T. H. Alexander, A. T. Peck, C.C., T.C., F. Rackett, C. Hawkins, A. J. Saunders, J. Williams, A. Downer, D. Morris, H. Allen, and H. W. Dore. The coffin bore the inscription "John Thomas Duke, born June 14, 1850, died November 9, 1921," and was covered with beautiful floral tributes. Messrs. Damp carried out the funeral arrangements.

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