

Frederick Roland Gracey

Isle of Wight County Press – 14 February 1970

NEWPORT.

Death of Mr. F. R. Gracey. – The death occurred in his sleep early on Wednesday of Mr. Frederick Roland Gracey, aged 83, of Sheringham, 45 St. John's Road, a well known and esteemed resident. Mr. Gracey, a native of Newark, Notts., joined H.M. Prison Service at the age of 19 and had a successful career in the administrative side of the service. He was steward at Camp Hill from 1933 to 1945 and at Parkhurst from 1945 to 1949, when he retired. A devoted Methodist, Mr. Gracey had rendered valued service to the Quay Street church. He formed and led the Men's Circle weekly meeting and had been prominent in organizing support for overseas, home and seamen's missions. He was an ex-president of the Rotary Club. His first wife died in 1937. His widow, Mrs. Jessie Gracey, J.P. (nee Farrow), whom he married in 1938, was a sister in the prison nursing service at Camp Hill. The funeral service will take place at the Quay Street Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, followed by interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

Isle of Wight County Press – 21 February 1970

NEWPORT.

The Late Mr. F. R. Gracey. – A service at Quay Street Methodist Church on Tuesday preceded interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery of Mr. Frederick Roland Gracey, aged 83, of Sheringham, 45 St. John's Road, whose death was reported last week. The Rev. W. H. Read officiated, assisted by the Rev. C. Christian. In a tribute the minister said Mr. Gracey had been a local preacher since the age of 19 and was the senior local preacher in the West Wight Circuit. The mourners included Mrs. Gracey (widow), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Farrow (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. C. Gullick (niece), Miss K. Gill-Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Samuel, Mr. and Mrs. S. Porter, Mrs. W. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. G. Weeks. Organisations represented included the Diabetic Association, Civil Service Pensioners' Association, Methodist Church, West Wight Methodist Circuit, Rotary Club, Inner Wheel, Nine Acres School, Friends of Nine Acres Association, local preachers, Island churches of many denomination, Workers' Educational Association, magistrates, St. Mary's Hospital, British Red Cross Society, County and Town councils, staff of Parkhurst Prison and the Bluecoat School Foundation.

Mr. A. E. Wyatt made the arrangements.

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