

Alice Ellen Harvey

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Death of Mrs. A. E. Harvey of Carisbrooke.

THREE TIMES MAYORESS OF NEWPORT

It is with deep regret, which will be fully shared by the great majority of the residents of Newport and district, that we announce the death of Mrs. Alice Ellen Harvey, wife of ex-Ald. A. E. Harvey. J.P., of Clifton, Carisbrooke, three times Mayor of Newport.

Mrs. Harvey, who had not enjoyed good health for about two years, was travelling by bus to Newport on Thursday afternoon when she became seriously ill en route and was taken to the War Memorial Nursing Home in Crocker-street, where she died in the evening. She was 69 years of age. Her passing removes a lady who has been prominent in the business, public and social life of Newport for the last 40 years, and one who was held in the greatest esteem by reason of her unfailing charm, kindness, and practical sympathy, qualities which were memorably displayed during the three years (1913,1914, and 1934), during which her husband was mayor of the borough and she was his ideal partner as Mayoress. The deepest sympathy is felt with Mr. Harvey, and his two sons and daughter, in their tragically sudden bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey had been married just over 40 years. During the early days of their married life she was her husband's extremely able assistant in his business as baker, confectioner and restaurant proprietor, and the business aptitude she then displayed was generously used later in her very varied and valuable services to many organisations for the benefit of the community. During the last war she was instrumental in starting the War Hospital Supplies Depot and was its first hon. secretary. To mention only some of her many activities since, she was the first lady chairman of the I.W. Horticulture Association, in which she took a keen and practical interest as a great lover of gardening, a devoted worker for Carisbrooke Church and former member of the Parochial Church Council, vice-president of the Carisbrooke District Nursing Association, a member of the committee of the Newport District Nursing Association, president of the Young Helpers' League (Dr. Barnardo's Homes), a member of the I.W. Conservative Association Executive Committee, and an enthusiastic worker for the Soldiers' Canteen and Recreation-rooms at the Leigh Richmond-hall as a member of the committee. In all these labours of love, and in many others, Mrs. Harvey's depth of sympathy and sound business sense were admired and appreciated.

The funeral will be at Carisbrooke Church on Monday at 2 p.m.

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THE LATE MRS. A. E. HARVEY OF CARISBROOKE.

The funeral of Mrs. A. E. Harvey, a former Mayoress of Newport, wife of ex-Ald. A. E. Harvey, J.P., of Clifton, Carisbrooke, whose death we recorded last week took place on Monday. Mourning shutters on many business premises, a very large attendance at the service in

Carisbrooke Parish Church, and over 60 floral tributes testified to the great esteem in which Mrs. Harvey was held and the widespread appreciation of her many good works. Almost every seat in the church was occupied, the congregation including representatives of the numerous organisations of which Mrs. Harvey had been a generous and active supporter. The Rev. H. Ewbank, R.D. (vicar) who officiated, paid an eloquent tribute to the deceased lady's estimable qualities and beneficent labours for the good of others. In reference to her love of Carisbrooke Church, he said she had for many years taken a leading part in forwarding every scheme for the beautifying and adornment of the church and had been personally responsible for the decoration of the sanctuary week by week. As to her many other good works for the benefit of the community, she had left a shining example of unselfishness, devotion, unflagging loyalty, and wisdom. The churchwardens (Messrs E. C. Neat and H. Phillips) and the choir met the cortege at the lich gate and led the chanting of the 23rd Psalm and the singing of the hymns "Through all the changing scenes of life" and "Lead us heavenly Father." and the organist (Mr. G. R. Barrett) played "O rest in the Lord." The chief mourners were Mr. A. E. Harvey, Messrs. H. E. and G. F. Harvey (sons), Mrs. L. R. Smith (daughter), Mr. H. S. Howard (brother), Mr. R. B. Harvey (brother-in-law), Mrs. G. F. Harvey (daughter-in-law), Miss L. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. V. Harvey, Messrs. A., L., and W. Harvey, Mrs. W. Ablitt, and the Misses D., O., and L. Harvey (nephews and nieces). Mrs. H. Curtis, and the staff at Clifton: Mr. H. J. Grist (gardener), Miss D. Arnold, Mrs. Plucknett, and Miss L. Eldridge.

(only family mourners transcribed)

The interment was in Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. H. & F. Damp made the arrangements.

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