

William Arthur Morris

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ROOKLEY

THE LATE MR. W. A. MORRIS. – Another link with the Island farming industry has been severed by the passing of Mr. William Morris at Pidford Park House last week. The deceased, who was in his 81st year, was the eldest son of the late Mr. Edwin Morris, of Plaish, and had been farming all his life. He came to Pidford Park 10 years ago, having previously occupied Wroxall Manor. Owing partly to an incurable malady he retired from the active pursuit of dairying some three years ago. His painful affliction was borne for several years with indomitable pluck. He leaves a widow, two sons, and three daughters to mourn his loss. His remains were laid to rest at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Saturday, the interment being preceded by a service in Rookley Church. The Rev. W. Duke-Baker (vicar), assisted by Mr. Corbett Cursons, officiated in the presence of a large congregation. Mr. A. J. Hayles was at the organ and played appropriate marches. The 90th Psalm was chanted, and the hymns sung were “O God our Help” and “Rock of ages.” The mourners were Mrs. Morris (widow), Messrs. E. and A. Morris (sons), Mesdames Denham, Harvey, and Goldup (daughters), Messrs. W. H. Denham and O. Harvey (sons-in-law), Mrs. A. Morris (daughter-in-law), Messrs. H., F., W., and M. Morris (brothers), Mrs. C. Allen (sister), Mrs. H. Morris (sister-in-law), Messrs. M. and W. Denham and W. A. Morris and Miss G. Morris (grandchildren), Messrs. H. Morris, C. Allen, and W. Harvey (nephews), and Miss A. Brown (niece). Amongst the large attendance were Mr. V. Harvey (Carisbrooke), Mr. A. Baker Harvey (Ningwood Farm), Mr. R. Y. Morgan (Ramsdown Farm), Mr. R. B. Harvey (Roslin Farm), Mr. H. Morris (Bucks Farm), Mr. H. P. Morris (Billingham Farm), Mr. P. Brown (Atherfield Farm), Mr. W. Brown (Ashy Farm), Mr. H. Morris (Newport), Mr. and Mrs. W. Cheek (Sibdown Farm), Mr. A. Cheek (Pidford Park Dairy), Mr. W. Hillier (Little Pidford Farm), Mr. F. J. Attrill (Blackwater House), Mr. J. H. Russell (Berryshoot), Mr. H. Drudge (Crockers Farm), Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knighton and Mrs. P. Smith (Freshwater), Miss Hearn, Mr. S. M. Hollis, Mr. C. Tutton, Mr. E. Calloway (Rookley Farm), Mr. A. E. Whatley (Redway), Mr. W. Russell (Shanklin), Mr. H. Barton (Langbridge), Mr. A. Edmunds, Mrs. Woodward, Miss O. Horsley, Mrs. A. Wells (Blackwater), Mrs. F. Nobbs, Mrs. F. Prangnell, Mrs. F. Gallop, Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell (Merstone), and Mr. R. E. Whitewood. The committal was taken by the Vicar. There were a number of lovely floral tributes, inscribed in terms of affection and regard. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. A. A. Westmore, of Blackwater.

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