

Reuben George William Reed

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DEATH OF ISLAND BUSINESSMAN

MR REUBEN REED

Island businessman Mr. Reuben George William Reed of Little Pan Farm, Newport, has died in St. Mary's Hospital aged 78.

Born at Carisbrooke and educated at King James Grammar School, Newport, Mr. Reed served an apprenticeship with Damp the builders in Pyle Street, Newport, and later started his own building business. In 1951 he bought W. Hurst & Son, ironmongers, starting with one shop in Newport and subsequently opening other branches on the the Island. Ten years later he bought the Vectis Stone Company which subsequently became Bardon Vectis. He retired from the board of directors in 1983. *[note – for completeness, Mr. Reed purchased W. Hurst & Son along with Albert Henton, jun., of Chillerton – iwcp 17 June 1950 – Albert Henton, was also a director of the Vectis Stone Group – Albert Henton died 1978 – iwcp 20 May 1978]*

Most of Mr. Reed's interests were connected with agriculture. He served on the committee of the Royal IW Agricultural Society and entered Jersey and Hereford cattle and Welsh mountain ponies in shows. He was a founder member and vice president of the IW Canine Association and vice president of Carisbrooke Fanciers.

He leaves a wife and two daughters. The funeral service at St. Thomas's Church, Newport last Friday, was conducted by the Rev. Canon J.F. Buckett and was followed by interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Mourners included Mrs. K. Reed (wife), Miss Jill Reed and Miss Anna Reed (daughters), Mrs. R. Pearson, Mrs. H. Greenfield and Mrs. N. Jones (sisters-in-law), Mr. W.J.C. Reed (nephew), Mrs. J. Cross, Mrs. A.J. Toney and Miss H. Greenfield (nieces), Mrs. W. Rashley and Miss J. Rashley (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. G. Walliker, Mr. and Mrs. C. Field, Mrs. A. Game and Mrs. S. Cross.

Organisations represented included W. Hurst & Son Ltd., Bardon Vectis, former employees of R.G.W. Reed, H.W. Morey, Royal IW Agricultural Society, IW Canine Association, Carisbrooke Fanciers, IW Livestock Society and IW Hunt.

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