

Keith James Williams

Isle of Wight County Press – 13 November 1943

NEWPORT

Popular Schoolboy's Death. – Great sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams, of 30 Medina-avenue, whose younger son, Keith James, died on Wednesday after a lingering illness borne with remarkable cheerfulness. Keith, who would have been 15 to-day (Saturday), was a bright and extremely popular scholar of the Church of England School until health failed, and he was held in much esteem by his fellow members of the St. John's Bible Class and Young People's Fellowship. Before he was seized with what proved an incurable illness he was very keen on sport, and prior to the war won the junior championship of the St. John's Athletic Club gymnastic section, his brother Ivan winning the intermediate championship at the same time. The funeral took place yesterday (Friday).

Isle of Wight County Press – 20 November 1943

NEWPORT

Funeral of Master Keith Williams. – The funeral of Keith Williams, second son on Mr. and Mrs. A. A. V. Williams, of 30 Medina-avenue, whose death on the eve of his 15th birthday we announced last week, was on Friday week, the service being held in St. John's Church and the interment at Carisbrooke. The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon) officiated, assisted by the Vicar of Newport (Cannon W. B. Hogg), chairman of the managers of the C.E. School which the deceased attended. The Vicar of St. John's referred to Keith's many lovable qualities, saying that in his long illness he displayed a courage such as he had seldom seen in his experience of visiting the sick. Miss D. Welby-Pryer (organist) accompanied the hymns The mourners were the parents, Mr. Ivan Williams (brother), Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. J. Warder (grandparents), Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Mr. James Warder, Mr. and Mrs. W. Whittington, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hards, Miss W. and Mr. B. Warder (uncles and aunts), Mr. and Mrs. T. Nobbs, and Mr. T. Shutler. Others attending were Mr. W. H. P. Chandler (head master) and a party of deceased's schoolfellows, Mrs. R. J. Eldridge (president), Mr. B. Knight (chairman), Miss B. Burgess (vice-chairman), Miss D. K. Sibbick (hon. sec.), Mr. J. Gray (hon. sec.) and members of the St. John's Young People's Fellowship, Messrs. W. G. Sibbick (acting leader), A. J. Taylor (registrar), W. Matthews, and H. Hollis (St. John's Men's Bible Class), Mr. H. Morris (hon. sec. of St. John's Athletic Club), Mr. R. D. Goddard (District Secretary of the Foresters), Mr. H. A. Williams (secretary of the Buds of Promise Juvenile Foresters), Mr. R. Edney, and many neighbours and other friends. There were over 60 floral tributes, ... Messrs. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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