

## **Reginald Arthur Wills**

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### **CARISBROOKE**

**The Late Mr. E. A. Wills.** – The death occurred on Tuesday at St. Mary’s Hospital, of Mr. Reginald Arthur Wills, aged 59, of 23 School Lane, after an illness lasting three months. Born in Appledore, Devon, Mr. Wills came to the Island as a boy and was educated in Ventnor. On leaving school he joined the Anchor Cunard Line. He was married in 1926 at Carnoustie, Scotland. A year later he and his wife went to New York, America, when Mr. Wills was transferred to the Grace Line as a dock superintendent. They returned to England in 1933 and went into the hotel business in Dundee where they remained until 1940. They then moved to the Island and took up residence in Fairlee Road, Newport. Mr. Wills commenced employment with the Vectis Shipping Co., Ltd. as store manager, remaining until he entered St. Mary’s. He was one of the firm’s oldest employees and was described as a devoted worker who had played an important part in the growth and successful running of the company. He was very interested in football and reading. During the 1814-18 war he was on active service in the Royal Flying Corps and was wounded twice in the leg and shot down. After being invalided out he became an instructor at Netherhaven [sic, Netheravon]. He is survived by a widow, a daughter and two grandchildren. The funeral service takes place this afternoon at Carisbrooke Church at 3 p.m.

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**The Late Mr. R. A. Wills.** – The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. Reginald Arthur Wills, of 23 School Lane, whose death was reported last week. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Souttar) officiated at the service in St. Mary’s Church. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and the hymn “The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended” were sung. Mr. H. Abraham was at the organ. The family mourners were Mrs. Wills (widow), Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wells (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wills (brother and sister-in-law, also representing Mrs. Wills, snr., mother), Mrs. T. S. Playle (sister-in-law, also representing her husband), Miss V. Wills (niece), Mr. A. Maasz, Mr. and Mrs. A. Buckett, and Mr. and Mrs. O. White. Among others present were Mr. Mark Croucher, office staff and employees of the Vectis Shipping Company, colleagues from Newport Quay, and representatives of Vectis Roadways, Motor Marine, Leigh Thomas and Co., R. and W. Paul, Ltd., Lever Feeds, Ltd., Silcocks, Ltd., Newport Musical and Dramatic Society, the local branch of the Conservative Association, W.V.S. Darby and Joan Club, and the Women’s Institute. Interment was in Carisbrooke Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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