## **Bertram Frank Pitman**

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## **NEWPORT**

**Mr. B. F. Pitman**.- The funeral service took place at Quay Street Methodist Church of Mr. Bertram Frank Pitman, aged 93, of 70 Shide Road, Newport, who died at St. Mary's Hospital. The Rev. B. Day conducted the service.

Mr. Pitman was born at Newport. During 1904-1908 he was the Island cycling champion holding the one-mile track speed record. He first started work in 1899 as a quarryman at Alexandria gravel pit on St. George's Down. He was later employed at the cement mills and Pan chalk pit for the Associated Portland Cement Company. He retired from his latter job as a stevedore from Southern Railway, discharging colliers at Medina Wharf. He was the longest serving member of the Island branch of the Odd Fellows, serving for 75 years. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. E. Cheek. Messrs. Hamilton and Marshall made the arrangements.

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