

Ronald Frederick Drayton

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COUNCILLOR DIES AT NEWPORT

MR. RONALD DRAYTON

Mr. Ronald Frederick Drayton, 49, a county councillor for Pan Ward, Newport, for the past three years, died after collapsing at the Newport Conservative Club on Tuesday night. Attempts to revive Mr. Drayton failed and he was found to be dead on arrival at the Royal IW County Hospital, Ryde.

Mr. Drayton, of Robin Hood Street, Newport, was born in Newport and took over the family building business when his father retired. He carried on the venture until quite recently when ill-health forced him to virtually shut the business down.

Mr. Drayton, who was elected a Conservative councillor in 1977, served on the Public Protection Committee, the Social Services Committee, the West Wight Advisory Committee, and had recently given up his place on the Planning Committee to take up an appointment on the Education Committee. He was also a council representative on the Police Authority. An active member of Newport Conservative Club he had been, until recently, a member of their committee. Mr. Drayton leaves a widow and two daughters.

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CHURCH IS FILLED AT FUNERAL

St. Thomas' Church, Newport, was filled to capacity for the funeral of Mr. Ronald Frederick Drayton, a county councillor for Pan Ward, who died, aged 49, on his way to the Royal IW County Hospital, Ryde, after collapsing at Newport Conservative Club.

The Funeral Service led by the Rev. J.F. Buckett, vicar of Newport, and chaplain to the county council, was followed by cremation at the Island Crematorium. Family mourners included Mrs. S. Drayton (widow), Miss M. Drayton and Miss R. Drayton (daughters), Mrs. W. West (mother-in-law), Miss P. Drayton (sister), and Warrant Officer 1st Class D.J. West (brother-in-law).

Representatives of the county council included Mr L.G. Daish, Chairman, and his wife; Mr. J. Moon, chairman of the Public Protection Committee, also representing Captain M. Boyle, Chairman of the Hampshire and IW Police Authority; and Mr. R. Rowsell. County Council officers included Mr. J.S. Horsnell, chief executive.

Also present were Mr. J. Duke, Chief Constable, representing the Hampshire Constabulary, Superintendent J. Wenden, and Chief Inspector E. Hoare, representing the IW Division of the Hampshire Constabulary. Representatives of the Royal British Legion, the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, the Conservative Association, and Newport Conservative Club also attended.

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