

Arthur Matthews

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THE LATE MR. A. MATTHEWS

The funeral took place on Tuesday of Mr. Arthur Matthews, aged 68, the well-known horticulturist, of Arlyon, Fairlee Road, Newport, who died the previous Thursday.

The service at the Quay Street Methodist Church, Newport, was conducted by the Rev. G.L.W. Ridge (superintendent minister of the West Wight Circuit). Six officers from Camp Hill Prison who had served with Mr. Matthews acted as pall bearers. Mr. E. Carpenter (organist) accompanied the hymns "The Lord's my Shepherd" and "O love that wilt not let me go."

Mr. Ridge described Mr. Matthews as an active and practical person who would be very much missed by many people. The fact that there was such an assembly at a time of bad weather conditions was evidence of the interest and sympathy felt with his widow.

The mourners were Mrs. Matthews (widow), Mrs. Harris (sister), Messrs. E. and J. Matthews (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. J. Dover and Mr. E. Hayward (nephews and niece), Mr. W. Hayward (brother-in-law), Mrs. W. Hayward and Miss I. Hayward (sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Lawn (also representing Mrs. B. Matthews, daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. D Sibbick, Mr. and Mrs. Axhorn, Messrs White and J. Hayward and Mesdames A. Dove and B. Angel. Mr. C. Matthews (brother), Mrs. Tulk (sister), Mr. C. Reid (brother-in-law), Mrs. Whyms and Miss H. Hayward (sisters-in-law), and Miss S. Reid (niece) were unable to be present.

Others present included representatives of the Governor and staff of Camp Hill Prison, former colleagues at Camp Hill and Parkhurst Prisons, the I.W. Horticultural Association, Cowes and District Allotment Association, Wootton and Carisbrooke Horticultural Societies, Northwood Village Produce Association, I.W. Allotment Association, Quay Street Methodist Church, Borough of Newport Allotment Association, Newport Bowling Club, Barton Women's Institute, Wesleyan Sisterhood, and the former Quay Street Methodist Church and St. John's Church athletic clubs.

Interment took place at St. Paul's Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. H. and F. Damp.

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