## **Mary Jane Attrill**

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## **NEWPORT**

Death of Former School Mistress.- Miss. Mary J. Attrill, aged 78, of 64 High Street, died suddenly at her home on Tuesday. Miss Attrill had resided with her sister in the same house all her life. She taught in schools at Upper Ventnor and Parkhurst before becoming head mistress of the local infants' school in 1939. She sang for 50 years in the choir at the Parish Church, where, on occasions, she also played the organ. She was the only surviving founder member of the Women's Institute and a keen worker for National Savings. Latterly Miss Attrill had been almost totally blind. The Rev. W. M. A. Potts officiated at the funeral service at the Parish Church on Thursday. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. Attrill (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hapgood (nephew and niece, representing Mr. and Mrs. W. Upton, brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. G. Bristow, (nephew and nieces), Mrs. A. Attrill (sister-in-law), Mrs. G. Paskins, Mrs. E. Vine, Mrs. P. Dore, and Mr. G. Bell. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Floral tributes included those from the Women's Institute and the I.W. Society for the Blind Social Club. Mr. A. E. Wyatt made the arrangements.

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