

## **Sophia Mary Baker**

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### **NEWPORT**

**Death of Mrs. S. M. Baker.** – The death occurred suddenly at her daughter's home in Freshwater on Friday week of Mrs. Sophy Mary Baker, aged 75, of Winton, 15 Queen's Road. Mrs. Baker was the widow of Mr. W. K. Baker, licensee of the Bell Inn for 27 years. Born in Winchester, she came to the Island with her husband in 1910 when they took over the Bell Inn. After her husband died in 1946 she carried on the business until three years ago when she retired and moved to Queen's Road. She had always enjoyed good health and was spending a holiday with her daughter when she collapsed and died the following day. The funeral service at St. Thomas's Church on Tuesday was conducted by the Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. S. F. Cooper). The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. C. Baker (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Evans (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. F. G. Curtis (brother), Mrs. E. Gossett (sister), Mr. and Mrs. F. Effemy (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), and Messrs. C. Gossett and M. Evans (nephews). The floral tributes included those from the R.A.O.B. I.W. Province, Grand Lodge of England, and the Ubique Lodge, Freshwater. The interment took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. H. and F. Damp

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