

**Agnes Matilda Benham**

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**NEWPORT**

**THE LATE MRS. A. M. BENHAM.** - The death occurred on Sunday of Mrs. Agnes Matilda Benham, aged 68, of 87 Castle Road. Mrs. Benham was a native of Overton, Hampshire, and until her marriage in 1915, at Hilmeston, Hampshire, she was employed as a domestic help in London. With her husband, Mr. T. Benham, she came to the Island in 1924, and resided at Ventnor. Her husband was staff sergeant-instructor to the I.W. Rifles and in 1930 on completion of the engagement, he joined the I.W. Rifles as R.Q.M.S. and assisted with mobilisation at the outbreak of the last war. After residing in Ventnor for five years the family moved to Newport in 1930 and lived in Crocker Street, at the home of Mr. L.P. Mew, jnr., by whom Mrs. Benham was employed for 13 years as cook and housekeeper. Mr. Benham was caretaker at the Princess Beatrice Drill Hall. Mrs. Benham moved to 87 Castle Road before being employed by the late Mr. L.P. Mew, snr., as cook and housekeeper, at Rosebury, Watergate Road, her husband also being employed by him as gardener. They worked for Mr. Mew, snr., for 10 years and were presented with a gold-mounted clock, suitably inscribed, in recognition of their services.

After her retirement Mrs. Benham suffered poor health. Her only hobby was needlework. She was a keen supporter of St. John's Church, and a member of the W.V.S. during the second world war. She is survived by her husband, one son, two daughters and eight grandchildren. Her son (Sgt. T. Benham, R.A.S.C.) was flown home from Cyprus by the Army to be with his mother during her last illness. The funeral took place on Thursday. A service at St. John's Church was conducted by the Vicar the Rev. S. F. Cooper, followed by interment in Carisbrooke Cemetery.

Mr. T. Benham and family wish to express their gratitude to Dr. A. A. Heathcote for unfailing attention, and also neighbours and friends for letters of sympathy and floral tributes. Please accept this as the only intimation.

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