

Nellie Bower

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Skilful Waitress.---The funeral took place at St. John's Church on Saturday, of Mrs. Nellie Bower, wife of Mr. Walter Frederick Bower, of 2 Mount Pleasant Road, whose death occurred at her home the previous Tuesday after a brief illness, at the age of 71. She was well-known in the town as a waitress for many years, latterly at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, where she had been employed for about eight years up to the time of her death. Business and professional men, particularly, will miss her courteous attendance at private luncheons and dinner parties, for she possessed an old-world charm and courtesy rarely seen to-day. Her employers have spoken highly of her efficiency, reliability and loyalty, and she will be greatly missed by the management as well as by patrons. Mrs. Bower was a native of Cowes, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Measures who were formerly caretakers at what is now the County Secondary Grammar School. In her earlier years she and her husband were caretakers at the County Club for many years, and later Mrs. Bower assisted with functions at the Unity Hall. She leaves two daughters and eight grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. Cooper). The hymn "At even ere the sun was set" was accompanied by Miss Welby-Pryer at the organ. The family mourners were Mr. W. F. Bower (husband), Mr. and Mrs. M. Burton and Mr. and Mrs. G. Stevens (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. A. Bower, Mrs. F. Fabian and Mrs. W. Bright (brother-in-law and sisters-in-law) and Peter Stevens and Alfred Burton (grandsons). Mrs. Joan Read and members of the staff of the Wheatsheaf attended and the 26 floral tributes included those from the management, staff and special friends at the hotel. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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