

Richard Sudbury Comden

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PARKHURST

THE LATE MR. R. S. COMDEN

The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. Richard Sudbury Comden, aged 57, of 88 Quarry View, Camp Hill, who died at the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Wednesday week. Mr. Comden was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Comden of Sandown. He joined the Royal Navy in 1920 and served until 1945 and then joined the prison service. After 12 months at Parkhurst he was transferred to Camp Hill as a hospital prison officer. He is survived by a widow and one daughter. A service in the Camp Hill Prison Church was conducted by the chaplain (the Rev. W.F. Mitchell) and Capt. L. Gray, of the Church Army. Prison officers formed a guard of honour. The hymn "The day Thou gavest" and the 23rd Psalm (Crimond) were sung. The family mourners were Mrs. Comden (widow), Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rackett (son-in-law and daughter), Miss L. R. Comden (sister), Miss A. Holcroft (sister-in-law), Messrs. N. and H. Holcroft (brothers-in-law), Mr A.R. Sansbury (cousin), and Mr. and Mrs. G. Rackett.

About a dozen prisoners attended the service and the governor, medical officer, and numerous prison officers and their wives were present. The floral tributes included those from the prison officers and the prisoners. Prison officers acted as bearers. Interment was in Carisbrooke Cemetery. The funeral arrangements were made by Mr. A. E. Wyatt, of Moorman and Sons.

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