

## Ralph William Comer

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### NEWPORT

**The Late Mr. R. W. Comer.**- The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Sunday after a brief illness, of Mr. Ralph William Comer, aged 63, of Sunny Bays, Forest Side. Mr. Comer was the eldest son of the late Mr. William Comer, and was a partner in the firm of Messrs. Comers, Forest Side Saw Mills, which his father founded. A skilful sawyer, he successfully overcame his disability of not being able to speak. He had worked at the saw mills all his life, and gave valuable service in the two world wars by supplying timber for the national effort. He was responsible for maintaining one of the few remaining steam driven saws in the South of England. In his younger days he was a member of the Nodehill Congregational Young People's Institute, and later became a member of the Congregational Church. His hobby was photography and he took a keen interest in developing and printing his own work.

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**The Late Mr. R. W. Comer.**- The funeral service for the late Mr. Ralph William Comer, of Sunny Bays, Forest Side, whose death was reported last week, took place at the Congregational Church on Friday week. The Rev. G. L. W. Ridge (superintendent, West Wight Methodist Circuit), officiated. The service included the hymn "For those we love within the veil," and the 23rd psalm to Crimond. A moving tribute to the memory of Mr. Comer was paid in speech and sign language by Mr. W. H. Styan (superintendent, Island Home for the Deaf and welfare officer). The mourners were the Misses A. D. and E. Comer (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. J. T. and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Comer (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. H. Bridgman (uncle), also representing all Cornish relatives who could not attend. Mr. R. Comer (nephews) and Miss F. Dyer, Mr. A. Sibbick and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodmore. Miss R. Comer and Mrs. R. Newman (nieces) were unable to attend. Representatives of the Congregational Church were also present, together with friends from the Forestry Commission and the timber trade. The many floral tributes included those from the Island deaf. Interment was at Carisbrooke cemetery in the family grave. Messrs. A. A. and R. J. Westmore made the arrangements.

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