

Robert Hugh Davies

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Former Literary Society Steward's Death. - Mr. Robert Hugh Davies, of 125 Medina-avenue, passed away at the age of 60 on Monday. After 25 years in the Royal Navy Mr. Davies, a native of Bellmullet, Ireland, retired with the rank of chief Petty officer in 1919. He possessed the Distinguished Service Medal, awarded for a particularly brave deed during the Mesopotamian Campaign in the Great War. While his vessel, H.M.S. Grayfly, was under heavy gunfire on the River Tigris, he dived overboard and freed the ship's propellers which had fouled a mine net. On retirement he came to the Island and entered the coastguard service at Gurnard, and when the coastguards were reduced in numbers and this station closed he became steward to the Newport Literary Society, where he was a popular and efficient servant, He was obliged to retire through illness after seven and half years, and had been an invalid for four years. He was a member of the branch of the British Legion and of the Gurnard Bowling Club. He is survived by his wife and two sons. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, the preliminary service being at St. John's Church, Newport. The Rev. R. T. Fleming officiated and congregation included Mr. F. R. Guy and Mr. F. Payne (representing the Newport branch British Legion), and Mr. G. Heal (representing Newport Literary Society). The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery, and the many beautiful floral tributes included those from the Newport Literary Society and the Gurnard Bowling Club.

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