

James Dove

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. James Dove.—Many friends in the borough have learned with much regret of the death at the County Hospital on Saturday of Mr. James Dove, a former well known and much esteemed tradesman who for 48 years was in business as a butcher at 57 Pyle-street, and since his retirement in 1925 had resided at Mabel Cottage, Castle-road. Mr. Dove, who was nearing his 85th birthday, was a member of a well known family of butchers and cattle dealers and was a master of his trade.

He was one of the old school who liked to choose his cattle at the market or farm and did not take kindly to imported meat. There were few better judges of a beast, his business methods won the confidence of a large clientele and his fellow tradesmen, while his geniality and goodwill made him popular among all his associates. His wife, who died 10 years ago, was his able shop assistant, just as skilful in cutting a joint as her husband.

Mr. Dove had been a remarkably healthy man. Until he was taken ill a week or two before his death he had not suffered from any serious indisposition since his boyhood. He was removed to the County Hospital in the hope that an operation would prolong his life, but that hope proved vain owing to his advanced years. From the time of his retirement until his illness Mr. Dove had regularly visited many of his old business associates and other friends each morning, and his cheery friendship will be greatly missed by them.

He was one of the oldest members of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows. The funeral was on Tuesday, a service being held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (Canon W. B. Hogg) officiating. The 23rd Psalm was chanted and the hymn "Jesu, Lover of my soul" was sung, his grand-daughter (Miss Kathleen Lower, L.R.A.M.) playing the organ accompaniments and Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary" at the close.

The interment was in his wife's grave in Carisbrooke Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mrs. Herbert Lower (daughter), Messrs. J. and W. H. Dove (sons), Messrs. R. and F. Dove (brothers), Mrs. W. H. Dove (daughter-in-law), Mr. H. B. J. Lower (grandson), Mesdames Berry and Leppard (grand-daughters), Mesdames W. Dove and W. Scott (sisters-in-law), Messrs. W. and A. Scott and A. T. Brown (brothers-in-law), Miss A. Scott, Miss A. Dove, Mrs. H. B. J. Lower, and Mrs. H. Eldridge (nieces), and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Margham, Miss Elsie Margham, and Mrs. H. Dove (cousins). Mr. F. J. Dove, of Fareham (son) was unavoidably prevented from attending.

Those also in the church included Mrs. Bruce Drayton, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Marsh, and Messrs. G. Pierce and W. H. Hunnybun (staff of H. Lower and Sons), Mr. J. B. Alderslade (representing the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows), Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones, Mesdames Ash, Clarke, W. G. Bartlett, F. Chiverton, Dunford, Warder, Long, Toogood, Hunt, W. Melhuish, and Buckett, the Misses Lower, Oram, and Matthews, and Messrs. J. H. Black, J. B. Doe, P. G. Jenkins, W. A. Rugg, J. A. Hayles, A. P. Knight, H. Hollis, W. Upward, W. G. Sibbeck, H. Morris, H. E. Blow, G. Norman, F. Morgan, E. R. Dore, O. C. Venness, S. Brown, G. Stephens, J. Warder, E. L. Stephens, A. J. Taylor, and E. E. Shepard.

There were about 30 floral tributes, including those from the staff at 56 High-street and the neighbours in Castle-road and Clarendon-street. The Mayor (Ald. W. Blake, J.P.) was prevented from attending by another engagement. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.