

**Reginald George Downer**  
**Isle of Wight County Press - 19 August 1939**  
**NEWPORT**

**Death of Mr. R. G. Downer.**- The death occurred at his residence, 34 Medina-avenue, on Thursday, of Mr. Reginald George Downer. Mr. Downer, who was 40 years of age, was a native of Swainston, where his father, Mr. R. H. Downer, of Crinages, Chale, a well known lay Methodist preacher, was an employee for over 40 years. After serving in the Great War the deceased was employed for some years by Messrs. H. W. Morey & Son, in charge of lorries. Later he joined the staff of the Refuge Insurance Co., for whom he worked for five years. Unfortunately, in 1936, he suffered the loss of a leg, and since that time has been employed as a clerk by Messrs. John Sheath and Co. at their Nodehill premises. He had been ailing for some considerable time. In spite of his physical handicap and increasing ill-health, Mr. Downer displayed a courageous cheerfulness that won the admiration of all. He was a keen playing member of the indoor and outdoor bowling clubs and a popular member of the Newport and Carisbrooke branch of the British Legion. Sincere sympathy is felt with his widow and two children. The funeral will take place today (Saturday); service at the Methodist Church, Pyle-street, at 2.30 p.m.

**Isle of Wight County Press - 26 August 1939**  
**NEWPORT**

**The Late Mr. R. G. Downer.**- The funeral of Mr. Reginald George Downer, of 34 Medina-avenue, whose death at the early age of 40 is greatly regretted, took place at the Pyle-street Methodist Church on Saturday, conducted by the Rev. H. J. Franklin. Mrs. Daish presided at the organ, and the Minister paid an eloquent tribute to the deceased's memory, describing him as the bravest man he had ever known. He had had the privilege of his acquaintance for more than 20 years, and the speaker referred to Mr. Downer's long and devoted service to the church. The family members were the widow, Master Bertram and Miss Josephine Downer (children), Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Downer (parents), Messrs. Frank, Harry, Laurie, and Ben Downer (brothers), Mrs. F. Downer (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Drudge (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), and Mrs. J. H. Jackman (aunt). Other relatives present were Mr. W. Downer (uncle), Mrs. Merwood, Ryde, Mrs. Butchers, and Miss E. Downer (aunts), Mrs. Seymour Russell and Mr. and Mrs. E. Wheeler (cousins), Miss Hilda and Mr. Hedley Hayles, and Miss E. Newnham. Among others present were Messrs. G. H. Woodmore, manager, and W. Stark (representing Messrs. John Sheath and Co.), E. F. Millgate and E. J. Willis (the Newport and Carisbrooke branch of the British Legion), W. M. Alderslade and A. H. Rowland (Newport Indoor Bowling Club), P. Scott, deputy-captain, A. R. Ashby, and T. W. Stone (Newport Outdoor Bowling Club), W. Evans, manager, L. G. Daish (Refuge Insurance Co.), E. J. Kemp (Hants. and General Friendly Society), J. H. and W. G. James, J. Scovell, C. Wyatt, C. Shepard, H. Heal, A. Bullock, and E. H. Morris, Mesdames Daish, Hurrell, A. Gentle, Toogood, S. Russell, and Butcher, the Misses Newnham and M. Dore, and Nurse Cheverton. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery, where 33 beautiful floral tributes were placed on the grave. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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