

James William Drake

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The Late Mr. J. W. Drake.- The death occurred at 188 Newport Road, Cowes, on Friday week, of Mr. James William Drake, of 154 Carisbrooke Road, aged 50. Sympathy is felt with his wife and two sons and daughters. Mr. Drake had served in both world wars. In the 1914-18 war he was in the R.A.F., and previous to that in the I.W. Rifles and the R.N.A.S. After the war he was one of the first to join the Southern Vectis Omnibus Company as a driver, and later was employed by the Newport Gas Company for nine years. When the 1939-45 war broke out he was called up on the reserve, and served in the R.A.S.C., and was in the evacuation from Dunkirk. Later he became engineer on the fireboat at Cowes, under the Cowes Fire Brigade. For some time subsequently he was employed by Messrs. Groves and Guttridge, and later by the I.W. County Agricultural Executive Committee as a motor mechanic. He was a member of the R.A.O.B. The funeral took place on Tuesday, a service at Carisbrooke Church being conducted by the Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. E. A. B. Royds). The mourners were Mrs. E. P. Drake (widow), Mrs. E. P. Talmadge (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. D. Drake (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. J. E. Drake (son), Mr. F. M. Phillips (son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. E. McComb, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr. P. Drake (brother), and Mr. and Mrs. A. Drake (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. B. Summers, and Mr. T. Tierney. Mr. S. Drake (brother) and Mrs. F. M. Phillips (daughter) were unable to attend, owing to indisposition. Interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Among the many beautiful floral tributes was one from the head master, staff, and boys of the Grammar School, where Mrs. Drake is employed. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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