

Alfred James Elliott

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Prominent member of Toc.H dies.

Mr Alfred James Elliott, aged 64, a former IW district chairman of Toc H and one of the movement's most prominent Island members, died at his home, Blenheim, 11 Arnold Road, Binstead, on Monday.

Born in London, he came to Carisbrooke at the age of 16, but in 1931 returned to London for a short period.

Nearly 40 years ago he joined the Post Office telephone department, and during the war served in the Post Office Home Guard at Ryde.

He became a technical officer with Post Office telephones at Ryde, and when he retired through ill-health about two years ago, had completed more than 37 years' service. He was a holder of the Imperial Service Medal, and was a member of the IW branch of the Post Office Veterans' Association.

For many years he was secretary of the local branch of the Institute of Post Office Electrical Engineers.

His interest in Toc H was stimulated by his father, and he was a member for more than 45 years. Besides being Island district chairman for a time, he was a former member and officer of Carisbrooke branch, and subsequently chairman and secretary of Ryde branch.

A lifelong Methodist, he was a trustee of the Chapel on the Hill, Carisbrooke, and a trustee and former chapel steward of Binstead Methodist Church.

He was a past worthy master of Tonbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society.

Mr. Elliott leaves a widow and daughter, Miss A. K. Elliott. The funeral took place at Binstead Methodist Church on Thursday, and interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. H. V. Taylor and Son made the arrangements.

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TOC H TRIBUTE

Toc H members from Ryde and other Island branches and the IW District paid tribute to their former district chairman at the funeral on Thursday week, of Mr. Alfred James Elliott, whose death was reported last week. The Toc H Ceremony of Light was conducted by Mr. J. S.

Rollinson, of Ryde branch. Another friend of Mr. Elliott and fellow branch member, the Rev. S. F. Dorling-Townsend assisted the Rev. P. K. Parsons, Methodist Wight circuit superintendent, who officiated at the service at Binstead Methodist Church. Mr. Parsons paid tribute to the life and work of Mr. Elliott.

The mourners were Mrs. Elliott (widow), Miss A. K. Elliott (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Draper and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Caws (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mrs. M. P. Elliott (aunt), Mrs. W. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Williams (brother-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Williams and Messrs. D. S. L., I. S. and J. Williams (nephews and nieces), Mrs. P. Jones, Miss E. Denness and Mr. G. Chastney. Represented in addition to Toc H, were the Post Office engineers, telephonists and Veterans' Association, Binstead and Ryde Methodist Churches, Medina Borough Council and the former Ryde Town Council Staff.

Interment was at Carisbrooke cemetery. Floral tributes came from the IW District of Toc H and Post Office engineers, and donations were received for Toc H projects. Messrs. H. V. Taylor and Son made the arrangements.

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