

Florence Hughes

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Devoted Methodist's Death.-The funeral took place at the Victoria Methodist Church, Pyle Street, on Saturday, of Mrs. Florence Hughes, who died the previous Tuesday at her home, Carholme, Whitepit Lane at the age of 86. She was the widow of Mr. Alfred Henry Hughes, a former county accountant. Mrs. Hughes had been a member of the Victoria Methodist Church since coming to the Island nearly 40 years ago and took a keen interest in the women's organisations and the British and Foreign Bible Society. A tribute was paid at a meeting of the Sisterhood on Tuesday, where she held the office of vice-president and was a capable chairman. Mrs. Hughes was a life vice-president of the Island Federation of Sisterhoods and for many years was treasurer and was also a past Island president. Born in Bilston, near Wolverhampton, Mrs. Hughes was married in 1909, her husband being a native of Wolverhampton, and they lived at Stafford, where Mr. Hughes was an accountant for the local council. He served in the first world war and in 1919 they came to the Island when he was appointed county accountant, a post which he held until 1942, retiring owing to ill-health. He died about four years ago. Mrs. Hughes had resided in Newport since 1919 and at Carholme for about 18 years. She had been confined to her bed since May of last year. She leaves a son and daughter, both residing at Carholme; Miss I. Hughes is a Ryde district nursing sister. The funeral service was conducted by the minister (the Rev. D. J. Creamer), assisted by the Rev. A. J. Perry, who, in a tribute, said Mrs. Hughes was always in her place on Sundays and took part in all the numerous activities connected with the church. Her Christian life and influence would long be felt and remembered. The hymns "Love Divine" and "For those we love within the vale" were sung, and as the cortege left the church the choir and congregation sang "The Lord's my Shepherd." Mr. B. Payn was the organist. The mourners were Miss I. Hughes (daughter), Mrs. A. Reed (sister), Mr. K. Reed (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. J. Aitchison (nephew and niece), and Mrs. E. Southall (sister-in-law). Miss Mary Southall (niece) was unable to attend. The Sisterhood were represented and among the floral tributes were those from the president and officers of the Island Federation of Sisterhoods and the Victoria Methodist Church. Members of the Women's Work organisation placed flowers on the communion table. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Mrs. E. A. Wyatt made the arrangements.

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