

John Frederick James Launder

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Newport

The Late Mr. J. F. Launder.--The death took place on Thursday of Mr. John F. Launder, aged 87, of 73 Whitepit Lane. Mr. Launder, who had been well-known in the business life of the town for over half-a-century, came to the Island in 1912 after gaining business experience in London with the Great Central Railways. He took up an appointment as secretary and a director of Shepard Bros., Ltd., a firm of local removers and carriers with vessels plying between Newport Quay and the mainland. In 1926 he served as chairman of the emergency Island Transport Committee in connection with the general strike. Following the amalgamation of local carrying companies under Messrs. Pickfords in 1937, he received an appointment in that firm and retired in the middle 1940s. For a term he was chairman of the Southampton Centre of the Furniture Removers' Association. In the course of his career he claimed to have introduced the first steamer to the quay traffic and the first petrol lorry on Island roads. He became interested in the Newport Ratepayers' Association and was also, for many years, a member of the Town Council and, for a term, Deputy Mayor. He was for a very long period, a prominent member of the I. W. Chamber of Commerce and served as chairman of important Chamber committees. He was also a trustee of the Newport Savings Bank. A staunch Congregationalist, Mr. Launder was a trustee of Newport Congregational Church and former superintendent of the Parkhurst Sunday-school and the Congregational children's Sunday evening service. He leaves a widow, two sons, one in Canada, a daughter and a brother. The funeral service will take place today at the Congregational Church at 11 a.m.

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The Late Mr. J. F. Launder.--The funeral service took place at the Congregational Church on Saturday for Mr. John F. Launder, aged 87, of 73 Whitepit Lane, who died the previous Thursday. The Rev. H. J. Rowse officiated and in a tribute said Mr. Launder had left a heritage and example of living that must inspire all who knew him. The hymns were the metrical version of the 23rd psalm and "All as God Wills." The mourners included Mrs. Launder (widow), Mr. and Mrs. F. Launder (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. J. Launder (grandson), Mrs. E. Meldrum (daughter, representing Mr. Meldrum), Mr. and Mrs. C. Launder (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. S. Wendes and Mr. G. Goodman (who attended Mr. Launder during his illness). Mr. G. M. Hughes (son) and Mrs. D. Wyatt (sister-in-law) were unable to attend. Also represented among the large congregation were all departments of the Congregational Church, Newport P.S.A., Parkhurst Sunday School, St. John's Men's Bible Class, Messrs. Pickfords, Ltd., and the former staff of Shepard Bros., Ltd., the I. W. Chamber of Commerce, Newport Ratepayers' Association, the Rotary Club, I. W. Grocers' Association and Messrs. Upward and Rich. Floral tributes included those from British Road Services, the Congregational Church, the Rotary Club, and the staff of the former Shepard Bros., Ltd. Interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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