

Geoffrey Edward William Leppard

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ACCIDENT VICTIM'S FUNERAL - The funeral took place on Saturday of Geoffrey Edward William Leppard, aged 16, of 133 Gunville Road, one of two youths who died on Whit-Monday as a result of a motor cycle accident at Rolls Hill, Northwood. Geoffrey, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leppard, was a former pupil of the Priory Secondary Boys' School. On January last year he began an apprenticeship in marine engineering at Messrs. J. Samuel White and Co., Ltd. He was a member of 1st Northwood Sea Scouts group and of the I.W. Motor Cycle Club. He was also a member of the Sunday school and Youth Club of the Gunville Methodist Church, where the funeral service was conducted by the Rev. G.L.W. Ridge. Members of the 1st Northwood Sea Scouts group formed a guard of honour as the cortège entered the church. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Leppard (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. T. Moon (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. A.J. Leppard (brother), Mr. and Mrs. W. and Messrs. E. and F. Leppard and Mrs. J. Coshell (uncles and aunts), Mrs. A. Sexton and Mr. J. Hallissey.

The large attendance included representatives of the various church organisations, 1st Northwood Sea Scout group and the I.W. Motor Cycle Club. Among the floral tributes were those from the I.W. Boy Scouts' Association, North-East Wight District Scouts, North Wight District Scouts' Association, 1st Northwood Sea Scouts and Group Committee, 1st Shanklin Scouts and Group Committee, 1st Gurnard Scouts and Group Committee, Corf Camp Service Crew, 1st Sandown Sea Scouts, 1st Carisbrooke Girl Guides, 7th Newport Cubs, members of the Methodist Church, I.W. Motor Cycle Club, the directors and management of Messrs. J.S. White and Co., Ltd., and the firm's fitting department, machine shop and F.O.B. store, and neighbours and children of Gunville. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. O.C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Leppard thank the staff of St Mary's Hospital for their care and attention. Also Mrs. N. Case, 1st Northwood Scouts and Scouters, and friends and neighbours for their kindness, messages of sympathy and floral tributes. Please accept this as the only intimation.

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