

Mary Ann Long

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NEWPORT

The Late Mrs. M. A. Long.-The death occurred at a West Wight nursing home on January 4th of Mrs. Mary Ann Long, aged, 85, of Hillside, St. John's Road, widow of Mr. J. W. Long, a former Customs and Excise surveyor in the Island, and mother of the late Miss M. E. Long, a former esteemed and commandant of the local V.A.D. of the British Red Cross Society. A lady of a most kind and hospitable nature, Mrs. Long enjoyed the friendship of many in the district. She took a keen and helpful interest in her daughter's Red Cross work. Her encouragement of this service was an inspiration to the members, and she was always ready to place her home at their disposal for business and social meetings. She was a great lover of flowers, and in her earlier days a keen botanist. It was her pursuit of this study which influenced her husband to follow it until he became one of the best known botanists in the country. His large collection of wild flowers is now in the British Museum. The funeral took place on Thursday week. At the service in St. John's Church the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley (vicar of St. Paul's, Barton) officiated, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. Cooper). The chief mourners were Mr. C. Long (brother-in-law), Miss Dinwoodie (niece), Miss Radford, and Miss O'Connor. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery, and the floral tributes included one from the Newport V.A. Detachment of the British Red Cross Society.

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