

Frederick William Long

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND FARMER

DEATH OF MR. F. W. LONG OF NORTHWOOD

A County Councillor for 18 years and popular figure in the Island's farming community, Mr. Frederick William (Jim) Long, aged 78, of Hillis Farm Northwood. died at his home on Saturday.

Born at Beapers Farm Brading, he was educated at Freshwater and Porchfield schools. At the age of 14 he commenced work at a blacksmith's shop at Tinkers Lane, Cowes, and was then employed in the galvanising shop at Messrs. Pascall Atkey and Son, Ltd., until 1916 when he joined the Royal Marines. Mr. Long was gassed while serving in France in the 63rd Naval Division. On demobilisation in 1919 he took a small holding at Forest Road before farming Park Place, Carisbrooke, from 1926 until 1933. He moved to the 420-acre Westover Farm on the Moulton-Barrett Estate where he stayed until 1956, when he moved to Hillis Farm.

During the last war Mr. Long served on the West Wight War Agricultural Sub-committee and the Military Hardships Tribunal. He was also awarded a medal for his long service in the Special Constabulary.

A member of the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society and National Farmer's Union, Mr. Long was acknowledged authority on Dorset Horn sheep. A well-known breeder and exhibitor at Island and mainland shows, he was a member and Judge of the Dorset Horn Sheep Breeders Association, for many years he was president of the Newport Young Farmers Society.

In 1948 he defeated Mr. J. B. Priestly to gain a seat on the County Council, representing the Calbourne division, which he held until his death.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. Erith, who also officiated at the cremation which followed. Mr. L. Pitman (organist) accompanied the Hymns "The Lord's my Shepherd" (to Cimmond), "Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "Abide with me"

Mr. Erith described Mr. Long as a man whose personality was founded on Christian faith. He was no "Yes man" or lobbyist, but one who was outspoken and single-minded: a man who believed in serving God through serving the land by hard work. That was a principle he taught in the Newport Young Farmers' Club, of which he was president. He was a man who was hostile to any who served self interest at the expense of common good.

The family mourners were Mrs. Long (widow), Mr. A. Long, Mr. H. Long, Mr. F. W. Long and Mr. and Mrs. L. Long (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. P. Clark (son-in-law and daughter), Miss L. Long and Mr. C. Long (grandchildren), Mr. and Mrs. H. Long and Mrs. W. Barton (brother and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Saunders (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. Cooke (cousins), Mrs. G. Luffman (aunt), Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. P. Taylor, Mrs. G. Sanderson and Miss G. Sanderson (nephews and nieces).

The large company attending included about 20 county aldermen and councillors, with Major S. C. Selwyn, M.B.E. D.L. representing the chairman (Alderman Captain H. J. Ward., D.L., J.P.) and representatives of the county Smallholdings' Committee, the smallholders, county architects' department, N.F.U., Newport Young Farmers, Calbourne Parish Council, the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society and Messrs. Buckell and Drew, Way, Riddett and Co., Leigh Thomas and Co., Fowlers (I.W.), SCATS, Frank Cheverton and the Newport branch of Lloyds Bank.

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