

Clara McGrotty

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Death of Mrs. McGrotty.- The death occurred at her residence, 131 Craisbrooke-road, on Monday, of Mrs. Clara McGrotty, aged 86, widow of Mr. T. McGrotty, who will be remembered by many as the keeper of the well-house and caretaker of the Royal residence at Carisbrooke Castle for about half a century. During the long period of her residence in the keeper's cottage at the Castle Mrs. McGrotty often had the honour of entertaining many visiting members of the Royal family, by whom she was held in much high esteem. H.R.H. Princess Beatrice always visited her at her home in Carisbrooke-road when making her annual stays at Carisbrooke Castle in pre-war days, and Mrs. McGrotty was a close friend of the late Dame Minnie Cochrane. She had been in delicate health since the death of her husband in 1930, and had been bedridden for three years. She leaves one son and two married daughters. The funeral was on Thursday, the Vicar of Carisbrooke (the Rev. H. Ewbank, R.D.) officiating at a service in Carisbrooke Church and at the interment by the side of her husband in Carisbrooke Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mr. T. C. McGrotty (son), Mr. and Mrs. R. Timms (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. H. Mackett (son-in-law), Mr. T. C. McGrotty jun., and Mr. R. Timms, jun. (grandsons), Mrs. T. C McGrotty, jun., Miss Newman (her devoted housekeeper for 12 years), and Mr. H. Hibberd and Mrs. Moorman, of Sandown. Other friends in the church included Miss Underwood, Mrs. Whittington, and Mrs. Dove. There were a number of floral tributes. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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