## Miriam Midlane

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## **NEWPORT**

**DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MRS. MIDLANE.---**The funeral of Mrs. Miriam Midlane, widow of the late Mr. Albert Midlane, the well known author of the children's hymn "There's a Friend for little children," whose death at the advanced age of 88 occurred at her residence, Forest Villa, St. John's-road, on Tuesday of last week, took place on Saturday afternoon at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the remains being laid to rest beside those of her husband, who died five years ago. Mr. Moorman, of Shanklin, a close friend of the deceased, officiated, and the family mourners were Messrs. A. G. and W. H. Midlane (sons), Mrs. W. H. Midlane (daughter-in-law), Mrs. Moorman, and Messrs. G. Brookes and Hayward. There were no flowers by request of the deceased. In the evening a memorial service was held by the Brethren at the Gospel-hall, Union-street, conducted by Mr. Pope. Her husband's popular hymn was sung in many churches and Sunday-schools on Sunday. The late Mrs. Midlane had only been laid up for a few days. Despite her many years, the deceased retained her faculties absolutely unimpaired to the last, and her bright and happy disposition, which endeared her to all, never left her. She had an attack of bronchitis a few days before her death. From this pneumonia developed, and she passed away as stated. The deepest sympathy of a wide circle of friends is with the members of the family in their bereavement.

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