

**Walter Minns**

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**SOUTH AFRICAN WAR VETERAN**

**DEATH OF MR. WALTER MINNS OF NEWPORT**

The death took place at St. Mary's Hospital, on Thursday, of Mr. Walter Minns, aged 82, of Caversham, 31 Whitepit Lane. Well-known in the town for his life-long association as a working director with the family firm of Bright and Minns, dyers and cleaners, he served as a young man in the Dorset Regiment during the South African War with the rank of sergeant, and also during the 1914-18 war in the I.W. Rifles with whom he went to Gallipoli, and he acquired a reputation as an outstanding marksman. He was a member of both the Island Branch of the South African Wars Veterans' Associations, and of the I.W. Rifles Comrades' Associations. His wife died in the same hospital, where he was then also a patient, on June 1st. They were childhood sweethearts and celebrated their golden wedding four years ago. The funeral has been arranged on Monday at St. Thomas's Church at 1.30 p.m.

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**THE LATE MR. W. MINNS OF NEWPORT**

**Large attendance at Funeral**

A large congregation of ex-Service association members, representatives of business firms and former colleagues and friends attended the funeral service at Newport Parish Church, on Monday for Mr. Walter Ormonde Minns, aged 82, of Caversham, 31 Whitepit Lane, who died on Thursday week at St. Mary's Hospital. A guard of honour was formed inside by ten members of the Island branch of the South African Wars Veterans' Association, and the branch standard, carried by Mr. J. E. G. Watts, was lowered in salute as the cortege entered the church. The coffin was draped with a Union Jack. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Lumley) and the hymns were "The strife is o'er" and "Abide with Me".

The organist was Miss K. Lower, A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L. The service was read by Mr. F. Chiverton (diocese reader). Mr. Lumley referred to the death on June 1st of Mr. Minns' wife, in the same hospital, where he was also a patient. It seems a fit and proper thing that they should have gone together in the eventide of their life. The guard of honour was re-formed as the cortege left for the interment in Carisbrooke Cemetery by the side of his wife.

The family mourners were Mr. W. G., Mr. and Mrs. A. R., Mr. and Mrs. H. W., Mr. R. Minns (nephews and nieces, also representing Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Minns, nephew and niece), Mrs. M. Clifton (niece), Mr. and Mrs. H. Warlow (cousins), also representing Mrs. E. M. Rodway, (cousin), and Mrs. K. Hunter (cousin).

Other representatives included many old friends from Messrs. Bright and Minns, members of Island branches of the British Legion, I.W. Rifles Comrades' Association, the Newport District Home Guard Association, Upward and Rich, Ltd., Messrs. Buckell and Drew and Messrs. Cave and Sherwood.

Among the numerous beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the past and present staff of Bright and Minns, I.W. Rifles Comrades' Association, the Island branch of the South African Wars Veterans' Association and one from Mr. F. Hayles, of California, a Boer War comrade of Mr. Minns. The funeral arrangements were made by Mr. E. Wyatt, of Messrs. Moormans.

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