

Alfred Morris

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Well Known Methodist Lay Preacher's Death.-The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Sunday of Mr. Alfred Morris, aged 77, of 33 Avondale-road. He had been under treatment at the hospital for a few days after having been seriously ill for about five months. Mr. Morris and his brother Herbert have been able and highly esteemed Methodist lay preachers for 53 years, and their father, Mr. Alfred Morris, of Cook's Farm, Newbridge, was a Methodist lay preacher before them. They started preaching in the old Bible Christian days and have been most devoted to it ever since. Mr. Alfred Morris also served the Bible Christian Church as circuit steward for many years, and in the capacity attended the conference at the City-road Wesleyan Church, London, at which the union of the Bible Christian and Free Methodist churches was agreed to. For over 50 years he had been a highly valued and very skilful member of the staff of Messrs. H. F. Damp, Ltd., builders, as a carpenter and joiner. He leaves a widow, son, and daughter and sincere sympathy is felt with them and with his brother in their loss. The funeral was in Carisbrooke cemetery on Wednesday, following a service in the Quay-street Methodist Church. The Rev. W. E. Perry (superintendent minister) officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. M. Jackson, B.A., Mr. W. G. Bartlett was at the organ and the hymns were "Praise, my soul" and "In heavenly love abiding." Mr. Perry said Mr. Morris was one of a great band to whom their church owed much. He had been a local preacher for 53 years and together with his brother had rendered very valued service in the circuit. He was sure that had the service that afternoon been more generally known the church would have been filled by those who had been blessed by him. Their sympathy went out to his widow and children who were left with the memory of a father whose name was blessed. The principal mourners were Sergt. A. J. Morris, R.E. (son), Mr. and Mrs. H. Morris (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. B. Groves (sister), Mr. and Mrs. W. Young, and Miss Whittington. His widow and daughter were unable to attend through indisposition.

Mr. Morris's wife and family wish to thank Dr. Peskett, Nurse Cheverton, and the nursing staff of St. Mary's Hospital for their kind attention, also relatives and friends for their kindness, sympathy, and beautiful floral tributes.

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