

Albert Frank Rice

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Death of Mr. A. F. Rice.

We regret to record the death on Wednesday, after many years of suffering, borne with great patience, of Mr. Albert Frank Rice, of Great Park Farm, Carisbrooke, youngest son of the late Mr. James Rice, of Poleclose. Mr. A. F. Rice, who was 53, was the last surviving member of a family of eight---four sons and four daughters, all of whom have died in early or middle age. Some 10 or 12 years ago Mr. Rice`s health broke down and he had been more or less of an invalid since, but before then he was an exceedingly active and able agriculturist and contractor, whose energy and many estimable qualities gained him a wide circle of friends. He had been tenant of Hillis, Poleclose, and Great Park Farms. About 23 years ago he married the only daughter of Mr. J. S. Mullett, then of Chawton and now of Thorley Manor, who mourns his passing, together with their two children, a son and a daughter, and sincere sympathy is extended to them in their bereavement. Whilst his health remained good Mr. Rice took a generous and helpful interest in the United Methodist Church at Gunville, and was also a member of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons. The funeral takes place this Saturday afternoon. There will be a service at the Gunville United Methodist Church at 2.15 and the interment will be at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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FUNERAL

OF MR. A. F. RICE.

The Funeral of Mr. Albert F. Rice, of Great Park Farm, took place on Saturday in the presence of a large gathering of mourners, including many fellow agriculturists and brother Freemasons. A service was held at the United Methodist Church, Gunville, and the interment was in Carisbrooke Cemetery. At the church a touching tribute to the deceased`s wonderful patience during an illness of about 10 years and to his sound Christian character was paid by the Rev. C. J. Christian, formerly of Cowes, and now of Penbury-grove, London, and the Revs. W. H. Mackinnon (chaplain to the Albany Lodge of Freemasons), W. H. Mildon (Newport), and B. A. A. Batt (Cowes) took part in the service. The hymns "What a friend we have in Jesus" and "Jesu, Lover of my soul," were sung, and Mr. W. G. Cooper (organist) played the Dead March in "Saul" at the close. A large number of members of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons joined the cortege at the cemetery gates and followed to the grave, where the Rev. C. J. Christian conducted the committal and the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon read

the Freemasons` funeral oration. The principal mourners were the widow, Mr. Clayton Rice (son), Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rice, Messrs. Maurice and Douglas Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Bertram, Mr. Leslie Draper, Mr. C. Rice (nephews and nieces), Mr. J. S. Mullett (father-in-law), Mrs. M. A. Rice (sister-in-law), Messrs. E. G. Heal, C.C., and W. H. Cheverton (brothers-in-law), Ald. and Mrs. G. W. Ball, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Gladstone May (uncles and aunts), Messrs. Stanley Ball and A. J. Gale (cousins), F. J. Rolf, A. H. Dockrill, G. Jolliffe (Coves), C. and H. Morrish, W. O. A. Marsh, S. Marsh, C. Croucher, and F. Bullock, sen. and jun., the two last named being life-long employees of the deceased.

[only main mourners transcribed]

The grave was beautified with evergreens and yellow chrysanthemums, and there were nearly 60 lovely floral tributes. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

Mr. Rice served two periods as a member of the Carisbrooke Parish Council from 1904 to 1906 and from 1918 to 1920. He was also for a time an overseer of the poor of the parish.

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