

Rita Olive Ivy Rock

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FORMER CONCERT PIANIST

Mrs. Rita Olive Ivy Rock, aged 55, for many years a prominent pianist in the Island, died at her home, 56 Medina Avenue, on Monday. An accomplished accompanist, she was a member of the Newport Bandits during the war years and played in over 400 concerts on the Island. For some years she was the courteous assistant at the Nodehill sub-Post Office and had served under four postmasters. She is survived by her husband, Mr. J. Rock, Island representative of the Hampshire Paper Bag Co., and her mother, Mrs. L. Squire.

The Congregational Church was filled at the funeral on Thursday. The Rev. W.R. Stokes and the Rev. H. J. William officiated. The organist, Mr. C. J. Clarke, head postmaster, accompanied the hymns "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" and "In Heavenly love abiding." The family mourners were Mr. Rock (husband), Mrs. E. Parker (mother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. E. Squire, Mr. and Mrs. E. Herons, and Mrs. R. Humphrey (cousins). A representative of the Hampshire Paper Bag Company was present.

The interment was in Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. H. and F. Damp, Ltd, made the arrangements.

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