

Charles James Sheath

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Retired Corn Merchant's Death.---A much respected former member of the business community has been removed by the death at his home 14 Caesar's Road, on Monday of Mr. Charles James Sheath, in his 78th year. He was a native of Elmfield, Ryde, and had spent the greater part of his adult life in the corn trade. For many years he carried on the business of Edwin Way and Company, in Quay Street, and had been assisted by two of his sons, but as a result of war-time conditions he retired about four years ago. He had been in failing health for about six months. Mr. Sheath had had a long association with, and was an active worker for, the Quay Street Methodist Church. He had held the offices of circuit and church steward, and at the time of his death was a trustee of the church. He was a member of the former I.W. Photographic Society, and one of his chief hobbies was an interest in old violins. Although he could only play by ear, he assimilated an extensive knowledge of violins, and his advice was often sought by local dealers. He leaves a widow, two sons, and two daughters, with whom sympathy is felt. His other son, Percy, was killed in an air raid at Shanklin in 1943 while serving in the N.F.S. The funeral took place on Thursday, the service at the Quay Street Methodist Church being conducted by the Rev. A. H. Clarke. Mr. W. G. Bartlett (organist) accompanied the hymns "O safe to the rock" and "Sun of my soul." The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheath (sons and daughters-in-law), Miss E. Sheath (daughter), Mrs. S. Hosking (sister), Mr. K. Hosking (nephew), Mrs. Wilson-Chalon (niece), and Mrs. E. Rice and Miss E. Sheath (cousins). The widow and Miss D. Sheath (daughter) were unable to attend. Those also attending included Mr. W. H. Downer (representing the Onward Tent of Rechabites) and Mrs. Downer, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. P. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cant, Mrs. and Miss Ashby, Mesdames P. Jackman, Griffin, B. Hosking, A. E. Wyatt, C. Fletcher, New, Kellaway (Chale Green), B. Croucher, Appleton, Odell, Curtis, H. Morris, and F. J. Fallick, the Misses Wheeler, Crews, and Gill-Martin, and Messrs. W. G. B. Weeks, G. T. Harris, F. Hendicott, A. Williams, M. Cheek, E. R. Dore, L. Blackman, L. New, F. R. Gracey, L. W. Downer, C. G. Chiverton (representing the Farmers' Trading Society), A. A. Lewis, and C. A. White (members of the former photographic society, Mr. Lewis also representing Mr. W. L. Bright), S. E. Whildey, W. J. Lower (also representing Mr. D. Lower), F. Heal, and A. March. The interment followed at Carisbrooke Cemetery and the floral tributes included wreaths from the trustees and members of the Quay Street Church and neighbours and friends. Mr. A. E. Wyatt, of Messrs. Moorman and Son, made the arrangements.

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