

William Shepard

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War Veteran's Death. - The death occurred rather suddenly on Saturday of Mr. William Shepard, aged 76, of 38 Linden Road. A native of the town, he was well known for his long service with Messrs. Pickfords (later British Road Services). During his retirement he acted as a casual messenger for the I.W. County Press Co., Ltd. In 1903 he enlisted in the 1st Hampshire regiment, being placed on the reserve in 1912, and called again to the colours at the outset of the first world war. He was captured in October, 1914, and was a prisoner of war to the end of hostilities, being finally discharged from the army in 1920. He was a member of the I.W. branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association. He worked for Messrs. Pickfords for 35 years, interrupted only by the war, and was one of the last horse-vanman in the town. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the service being held at St. John's Church, the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley (vicar of St. Paul's, Barton) officiating. Interment followed at the Carisbrooke Cemetery. The mourners were Mr. B. Shepard (son), Mr. and Mrs. G. Rolf (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. A. Knight (sister), and Mr. T. Rolf (grandson), owing to indisposition, Mrs. Shepard was unable to attend. Representatives from the "County Press" and British Road Services were present, and a standard bearer from the Old Contemptibles' Association, and these organisations also sent floral tributes. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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