## **Edward George Shipsey**

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## **NEWPORT**

**Licensed Victualler's Death.** – Mr. Edward Shipsey, who has been the esteemed landlord of the Grapes Inn, Nodehill, died at the County Hospital on Sunday after only a few days' illness, leaving a widow and son with whom sincere sympathy is felt in their unexpected bereavement. Mr. Shipsey, who was 58, was a native of Andover, and prior to taking over the licence of The Grapes had served 21 years in the Royal Navy, from which he retired with the rating of Chief Petty Officer Gunner. During the war he served in H.M.S. Neptune, and was at the battle of Jutland, and after the war he was with the R.N. flotilla which was part of the British forces of occupation in the Rhineland. The funeral took place on Thursday, the Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon) officiating at the service at St. John's Church and at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shipsey (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. A. Shipsey (brother), Mesdames F. Gurd and H. Belben (sisters), and Messrs. G. and J. Gladdis and Mr. and Mrs. A. Flux (brothers-in-law and sister-in-law). Among others attending were the following members of the I.W. Licensed Victuallers' Society: Messrs. G. Swain, Ryde (chairman), H. Wingham, Cowes (vice-chairman), G. T. Denham, Cowes (ex-chairman), W. K. Baker (hon. secretary), L. Betteridge (Carisbrooke), C. Hill (Cowes), and J. Attrill (Shanklin). The floral tributes included those from the customers at The Grapes and the I.W. Licensed Victuallers' Society. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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