

Keith Ridding Smith

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The Late Mr. K. R. Smith.--The funeral took place on Wednesday of Mr. Keith Ridding Smith, aged 74, of Glen Cottage, Whitcombe Road, who died on Saturday after an illness lasting a week. A native of Hertfordshire, he came from a family of monumental masons, and, after moving to the Island in 1930, he worked as a mason at Carisbrooke Castle. After about three years he commenced employment with Wadham's Wight Monumental Co., of 1a Portland Street, where he worked for 20 years, after which he started a business of his own from a workshop in the garden of his home. He carried on his craft until his death. An Old Contemptible, he was wounded in the Battle of the Aisne. While living on the mainland he was prominent in the R.A.O.B. A service at Carisbrooke Church was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. J. Souttar). The family mourners were Mrs. Smith (widow), Mr. K. Smith (son), Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington and Mrs. R. Beynon (son-in-law and daughters), Messrs. H. and B. Smith (brothers), Mrs. D. Bretney (sister), and Messrs. C. R., R. and I. Beynon (grandchildren). Among the floral tributes was a wreath from neighbours and friends. Interment was in Carisbrooke Cemetery. The arrangements were made by A. A. and R. J. Westmore.

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