

**Robert George Thompson**

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**FORMER PRISON OFFICER'S DEATH**

There was a large attendance at the Parish Church on Saturday at the funeral of Mr. Robert George Thompson, of Fairlee View, Horsebridge Hill, a former officer at Parkhurst Prison, who died on Wednesday week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. A. Barham, at 115 Trafalgar Road. Aged 79, he was a native of Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, and joined the prison service at Wakefield. The greater part of his service was at Parkhurst, but for a short time he was at Dartmoor on promotion to principal officer. He retired in 1933, being awarded the Imperial Service Medal, since when he had taken a keen interest in gardening and was a member of the Parkhurst Horticultural Society. The Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) officiated, and the bearers were prison officers under the command of Hospital Chief Officer H. Archer and Principal Officer Hall. The Governor of Parkhurst Prison (Major P. A. Marriott) attended, and Mr. L. G. Pearson represented Messrs. Frank Cheverton, Ltd.

The family mourners were Mr. J. A. Thompson (son), Mr. and Mrs. G. Denham and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Barham (sons-in-law and daughters), Messrs. J. and M. Denham (grandsons), Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, and Mr. S. Robertson. Mrs. J. A. Thompson was unable to attend through illness. The many floral tributes included one from the governor and staff at Parkhurst Prison. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton made the arrangements.

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