

## Elizabeth Mary Towten

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### NEWPORT

**The Late Mrs. Towten.** – The death occurred last week at her residence, Alvington Cottage, of Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Towten, aged 79. She was born at Hythe, Hampshire, and when a young woman came to reside in the Island, and married Mr. W. A. Marsh, of Alvington Manor, who was a victim of the influenza epidemic of 1918. She worshipped for many years at the Bowcombe and Quay Street Methodist Churches and latterly attended the Wayfarers' Fellowship, Castle Street. She married Mr. A. W. Towten in 1941. She was also a keen member of the Gunville Women's Bright Hour and the Wayfarers's Women's Hour, of which she was a former president. Besides her husband, she leaves a married son and daughter by her first marriage. The funeral service took place on Saturday at the Wayfarers' Fellowship Chapel. The mourners included Mr. A. Towten (husband), Mr. and Mrs. S. Marsh (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Rice (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. N. Allen (twin sister), Messrs. T. and S. Marsh, Miss M. Rice, and Mr. M. Rice (grandchildren), Mrs. A. Warne (niece), Mrs. E. Small and Mrs. P. Gilson (step-daughter), Mrs. N. Green (representing Mr. R. C. Cooper, Brighstone), Miss G. Fairall, and Mr. and Mrs. Croucher. The Rev. Dr. W. H. Mildon conducted the service and paid tribute to Mrs. Towten's work in the church since an early age. The hymns "Just as I am" and "Abide with me" were sung, and the many floral tributes included those from the Wayfarers' Fellowship and the Gunville Women's Bright Hour. The interment took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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