

Maria Kate Wadham

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NEWPORT

DEATH OF MRS. C. H. WADHAM. - The passing of Mrs. Maria Kate Wadham, widow of Mr. C. H. Wadham, senior, which occurred peacefully in her sleep yesterday (Friday) morning, at her residence The Lindens, The Mall, in her 89th year, removes a lady of charming personality, who was greatly respected and who until the last retained remarkable vitality, surviving her husband 26 years. Her husband was the founder of the well known business of Messrs. Wadham and Sons, Ltd., who will be remembered as one of the principal tradesmen, he having built the premises 20 St. James's- square and 44 High-street upwards of half a century ago. After retiring from business he resided at Parkstone until his death in 1906. The deceased lady, who was a clever musician, was appointed organist of St. John's Church at the early age of 16 and continued in the office until after her marriage. She was a very fluent French scholar, and a capable pianist, and in her early years as the composer of several musical items, including the "Isle of Wight Polka" and "Raindrops." She kept up her piano playing until recently, and when in her 70th year she played piano duets with her grand-daughter, Miss Margaret Wadham, at a concert in the town. She was the mother of 10 children and leaves 26 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. There are nine surviving children, six sons and three daughters, the eldest of whom is Mrs. Belben, of Poole, the eldest son being Mr. C. H. Wadham, who is a solicitor practising in Australia, and Ald. S. C. Wadham, the present head of the firm, is another son. The first part of the funeral service will take place at St. John's Church on Tuesday, at 2 o'clock, and the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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THE FUNERAL - of Mrs. C. H. Wadham, of The Lindens, The Mall, Carisbrooke-road, whose death at an advanced age we recorded last week, took place on Tuesday, the first part of the service being conducted at St. John's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon). The 90th psalm was chanted and the hymns sung were "Abide with me," a favourite hymn with the deceased, and "Peace, perfect peace." The organist (Miss D. Welby-Prier) played "Blest are the departed" (Spohr) and "O rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn). The family mourners were Messrs. H. A., A. E., S. C., P. E., and F. S. Wadham (sons), and Mrs. W. L. Bright (daughter), Mr. W. L. Bright and Mr. F. R. Cripps (sons-in-law), Mesdames A. E., S. C. Percy, and Stanley Wadham (daughters-in-law), Mrs. Simpson Wadham, and Mrs. Victor Wadham, Messrs. L. R., Charles, and Cyril Belben, Simpson, Victor, Walton, and Ronald Wadham, Francis Bright, Mrs. H. Coombs, Mrs. L. Mc Cann, Miss Ruth Wadham, and Miss Joyce Bright (grandchildren), and Mr. R. G. Burke (Coves). There were also present Mesdames W. H. Wadham, F. Wadham, C. E. Yelf, E. O. White, Ash, W. H. Bullock, C. Chiverton, F. W. Dudley, Whitfield, Jones, Knott, R. Bird Cheverton, Annie Flux and Rex Tyler, and the Misses A. D. Horan, Etheridge, M. Bright, Newbery, Dorothy Flux and Scovell, and Messrs. W. H. and F. Wadham, W. Guy, Rex Tyler, E. W. Tyler, E. Denton (over 50 years with the firm of Messrs. Wadham and Sons), A. Allam, and E. Realey (employees of Messrs. Wadham and Sons), E. G. Barnet, Alfred Alabone, F. W. Dudley, J. H. Black, G. Weeks, J. Way.

G. Matthews, (representing Mr. F. Burton), J. D. Truscott, H. Shepard, J.P., C.C., H. W. Horan, T.C., A. Chappell, A. A. Whitfield, M.B.E., and A. T. Barton. The interment took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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