

Louisa May Way

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ISLAND'S OLDEST RESIDENT

103, Miss Way Helps In The House

Still remarkably active despite her 103 years is Miss Louisa Way, of Briardale, Meaders Road, Ryde - the Island's oldest resident.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Ryde (Councillor S. R. Bird, J.P., and Mrs. Bird) were among the visitors when Miss Way celebrated her 103rd birthday on Monday. Several messages were received.

Miss Way, who has been living in the town since September, spent most of her life in Newport and, as a resident of Carisbrooke Road, remembers vividly Queen Victoria's visits to Carisbrooke Castle. She still loves to talk of Victorian days.

Nevertheless, Miss Way does not live in the past and takes a keen interest in the Royal Family and especially in Prince Charles. Her dress is also up-to-date and her interest in affairs lively.

Until a few weeks ago she knitted as a hobby, much of the work for the Deep Sea Mission. Now she spends much of her eight-hour day making spills and doing small household jobs.

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The Island's Oldest Inhabitant.

DEATH OF MISS L. M. WAY AT RYDE

The death occurred at 20 Monkton-street, on Tuesday of Miss Louisa Mary Way, who, at the great age of 103, was the oldest inhabitant of the Island. She celebrated her birthday on April 25th, when she was still remarkably well preserved and mentally alert. Since then she had become very frail and passed peacefully away. Miss Way formerly resided at Winterdyne, Carisbrooke Road, Newport, and was the daughter of a former mayor of the town (Ald. W. Clemens Way, J.P.), and a sister of the late Major Henry J. Way, V.D., a former prominent and highly respected islander. Until her last birthday Miss Way had been able to take short walks, and it was her routine to rise about mid-day and retire at 9 p.m. She had taken a lifelong interest in St. John's Church, Newport, attending the services regularly until she had passed the century, and was an active worker on behalf of deep sea fishermen, for whom she had knitted scarves and comforts for years. She never tired of extolling the qualities of the men and the hardships which they endured in their calling. Her failing eyesight prevented her knitting to any great extent during the last few months, but she enjoyed being read to. She maintained great interest in the activities of the Royal Family and

would recall interesting events during Queen Victoria's long association with the Island. She had a keen wit and thoroughly appreciated an amusing story and could tell one with enthusiasm.

The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) at St. John's Church, Newport, the Rev. E. A. B. Royds (vicar) officiating. Miss D. L. Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M., was the organist. The hymns "Just as I am" and "The Saints of God" were sung, and the 23rd Psalm and Nunc Dimittis chanted. The mourners were Mrs. L. H. Way (also representing Mr. L. H. Way, nephew, unable to attend owing to business), Miss D. Way (niece), also representing Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Golden), Miss E. Way (niece, also representing Mrs. H. J. Way), Mrs. F. H. Sumner Wilson, (great niece, also representing Mr. Edward Way) and Mr. Sumner Wilson, Mrs. H. A. Tarr (great niece, also representing Mr. H. A. Tarr, of St. Helier, Jersey), Mr. L. G. Way (great nephew, also representing Mrs. Way and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Way). Others present included Mr. W. G. Cutmore (church warden) and Mrs. Cutmore, Mesdames Welby-Pryer, A. M. Adams, R. Webb, L. Nixon, F. M. Curtis (also representing Mr. W. J. Whittington), S. Stagg, E. Gurney-Champion, F. Harvey (also representing Mrs. L. Roach), E. Higginbotham, and F. Stevens, the Misses M. Cole, E. M. Pring, A. and G. Etheridge (also representing Miss K. Etheridge), C. Atkinson, I. E. Moody, M. Bright, G. M. Amies, M. and C. Danes and I. Welby-Pryer, and Mr. H. Hollis. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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