

Walter William Wells

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NEWPORT

CRAFTSMAN'S DEATH

Mr. Walter William Wells, aged 82, died on Tuesday. Son of the late Mr. Walter Wells, of God's Providence House, he was apprenticed to the late Mr. J. Bevis, cabinet maker, and left the town early in the century to work at his trade on the mainland. In August 1908, he married Miss Olive Baker, of Wimbledon. Returning to Newport in 1922, he went into business as a cabinet maker and funeral director. He was a member of the National Association of Funeral Directors. A life-long Methodist he was a trustee, and former society steward of the Victoria Methodist (late Wesleyan) Church. He was the Island's senior local preacher, having in 1960 received a gift from the West Wight Methodist Circuit in recognition of 60 years' service. He formerly lived at Claremont, Medina Avenue, but, since the death of his wife in 1961, had resided with his elder daughter, Mrs. H.F. Payn, at 20 Drake Road. He also leaves a son, Mr. G. Wells, of Ashted, Surrey, and a younger daughter, Mrs. A.G. Cooper, of Cosienook, Castle Hill, Carisbrooke. The funeral service will be at the Victoria Methodist Church, Pyle Street, today at 2 p.m.

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The Late Mr. Walter Wells

There was a large attendance at the Victoria Methodist Church on Saturday at the funeral service for Mr. Walter William Wells, whose death was reported last week. The Rev. P.H. Hanks officiated, assisted by the Rev. G.L.W. Ridge. The mourners were Mr. G.W. Wells (son), Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Payn and Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Cooper (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. R. Wells (grandson), Mrs. S. Rolf and Miss M.B. Payn. Mrs. Gray (sister), Mrs. G.W. Wells (daughters-in-law) and Mrs. Higgs (sister-in-law) were unable to attend. Among those present were a number of Island Methodist local preachers. Floral tributes included those from the Victoria Church, West Wight local preachers and Messrs. H. and F. Damp, who made the arrangements.

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