

Gladys May Wiles

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Cowes

School Teacher's Death.---Miss Gladys May Wiles, aged 61, of 48 Trafalgar Road, Newport, a member of the staff of the Secondary School, died at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde, on Saturday. Miss Wiles had been a teacher in the Island for 30 years. She is mourned by many associates and present and former pupils, particularly at the Secondary School, where she had taught for nine years. A native of Kent, Miss Wiles came to the Island in 1921 and was at the former Newport County Girls' School until 1952 when she was transferred here. Her principal subject had been English but her interest in the welfare of the pupils and the school extended far beyond the limits of the class room. No task was too large, too small or too much trouble to warrant her kindly understanding and attention. Miss Wiles would have been due to retire at the end of the school year in July.

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Newport

The Late Miss G. M. Wiles.---Numerous former pupils and representatives of several Island schools attended the funeral on Thursday week of Miss Gladys May Wiles, of 48 Trafalgar Road, whose death was recorded last week. The service at the Parish Church was conducted by the vicar of St. Paul's, Barton (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley). The hymns were "Fill Thou my Life" and "Breathe on me, breath of God, and the 23rd psalm to Crimond. The mourners were Miss E. M. Wiles (sister), Mr. and Mrs. S. Wiles (nephew and niece), and Miss E. J. Crews, a lifelong friend and head mistress at the former Newport County Girls' School during the period when Miss Wiles was a teacher there. Cowes Secondary School was closed while 150 pupils, the teaching staff, and members of the Old Students and the school's catering staff attended the service, led by the head master (Mr. J. B. Goodson). Priory Secondary Girls' School was represented by Mrs. M. P. Cooper, and also represented were old girls of the former Newport County Girls' School. Pupils from Carisbrooke Grammar School who had formerly been at Cowes Secondary School, also attended with the head master (Mr. S. G. Ward). Floral tributes were received from all the organisations represented. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Mr. A. E. Wyatt made the arrangements.

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