

Wallace Barton

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WELL-KNOWN FARMER'S DEATH.

Mr. Wallace Barton, of Bridgend, Brighstone, a member of a well-known Island farming family, died suddenly on Monday, aged 78. His father, Mr. Henry Urry Barton, was a farmer, and his son, Mr. Ivan Henry Urry Barton, is senior vice-chairman of the Island branch of the National Farmers' Union.

Mr. Wallace Barton was born at Mersley Farm, Newchurch, and after his marriage, went to Bridge Farm, Godshill, for a short while and then moved to Hunnyhill, Brighstone, which he farmed for 35 years. He was formerly a member of the Island branch of the N.F.U. for many years. On his retirement 13 years ago his son took over Hunnyhill, but he continued to take a great interest in the holding.

Outside farming, one of Mr. Barton's main interests was in the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, of which he was a past master. Another was football; he was a vice-president of Newport Football Club and never missed a home game. He and his wife, formerly Miss Bessie Stickland, of Great East Standen Manor, Arreton, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary two years ago.

The funeral service took place yesterday at Brighstone Parish Church, followed by interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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