

William Dover Way Buckell

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WELL-KNOWN SOLICITOR

**DEATH OF MR. W. D. W.
BUCKELL**

Cremation took place at Whippingham on Wednesday of Mr. William Dover Way Buckell, O.B.E., M.C., aged 79, of Millstream, Blackwater Road, Newport, well-known senior partner in the solicitors firm of Buckell and Drew, who died on Friday week.

The firm was founded by his grandfather, Mr. W. W. Buckell, well over 100 years ago. Mr. Buckell qualified as a solicitor in 1913. He served in the 8th Bn. Hampshire Regiment Territorials from 1909 until 1913 and in October, 1914, went to France as an R.E. dispatch rider, but after being seriously injured in a collision received his discharge. In 1916 he rejoined the army and won the Military Cross in France after being commissioned in the Machine Gun Corps. He left the army after the war.

In 1928 Mr. Buckell was appointed chairman of the former Island Court of Referees, which body was reconstituted as the National Insurance Local Tribunal under the National Health Service Act. This work concerned with appeals on matters affecting unemployment and industrial injuries. He relinquished the chairmanship of the Tribunal in 1963 and was succeeded by Mr. J. G. Fardell, a former deputy chairman and former registrar of the County Court.

When Mr. Buckell returned to civilian life after the 1914-18 war he gave valued service in many honorary capacities. He took a keen interest in the scout movement and for 20 years was commissioner for the Central Wight. He was a chairman of the Island Trustee Savings bank for many years and served on the local committee of the National Trust. Mr. Buckell also took an avid interest in the work of the British Red Cross, and was hon. treasurer of the Island branch for 30 years. During his service he was awarded the certificate of honour and badge by the national headquarters, which is awarded to members for distinguished and exceptional services to the society. The award also included life membership.

Mr. Buckell lived in Newport for a number of years but moved to Bonchurch in 1944, returning to Newport in July this year. He was a director of Island Bricks, Ltd., for many years. He is survived by his widow, whom he married in 1920, and a son and daughter.

The Rev. F. G. Fuller officiated at a private family service at the Crematorium. Mourners were Mrs. Buckell (widow), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. W. Buckell (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Giles (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. A. D. W. Eldridge (sister), Lt. Col. and Mrs. W. J. Eldridge, Mr. P. McDonald and Mrs. J. A. Kingham (nephews and nieces), Mr. E. Giles and Mr. N. Giles (grandsons), Mrs. J. D. Hall (sister-in-law) and Miss B. Fardell. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

A memorial service was held at St. Thomas's Church, Newport, on Thursday.

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