

Frederick Joseph Colson

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**Death of Mr. F. J. Colson.** -The death occurred at his residence, 2 South Dene, on Friday week of Mr. Frederick Joseph Colson, an esteemed and respected resident for many years. He was 74, and had borne a long and painful illness with great fortitude. A native of Newport, Mr. Colson commenced his working life with Messrs. Wadham, furnishers. Later, with his brother (Mr. G. Colson), he established a new and second-hand furniture business at Newport, and afterwards was in business on his own account as a second-hand dealer at premises in Lugley Street. Although he gave up active control to his youngest son (Mr. C. W. Colson) in 1933, after 40 years, he retained an interest in the trade until ill-health prevented him from travelling. He was a well known figure at furniture sales throughout the Island and won a wide reputation for his integrity and fair dealing. He was a keen horticulturalist, devoting most of his spare time to his garden, and he was a lifelong member of the Foresters. Mr. and Mrs. Colson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in May, 1945. Sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and family of four sons and two daughters. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the service in the Parish Church being conducted by the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley (vicar of St. Paul's, Barton), who, in a brief tribute, said Mr Colson was kindly, tolerant, and friendly and did good unobtrusively. If anyone was in need of help or advice he was always ready to give it and he had fully lived up to the Christian way of life. The mourners were Mrs. Colson (widow), Messrs. F. A., A. G., H. G., and C. W. Colson (sons), Mesdames L. C. Long and D. Q. Griffiths (daughters), Messrs. L. Long and L. Griffiths (sons-in-law), Mesdames F. A., A. G., and C. W. Colson (daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Colson (brother and sister-in-law), Mesdames Read and Gustar and Miss A. Colson (sisters), Mr. G. Wheeler (brother-in-law), Messrs R. and P. Colson, Mrs. Strickland and the Misses J. and A. Colson (grandchildren), Mrs. R. Colson, Mrs. P. Oliver, Mrs. H. Porter (niece, representing Mr. and Mrs. G. Attrill, brother-in-law and sister), and Mr. and Mrs. F. Hayter, Mesdames Morris and Holbrook, and the Misses V. and E. Colson (nephew and nieces). Those also attending included the Mayor and Mayoress of Newport (Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King) and their daughter (Mrs. Spragg), Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. L. Truscott, the Vicar (the Rev. D. S. McKenzie), Mesdames Wheatley, Long, Cushen, H. Webb, Arthur Hendy, G. T. Harris (representing her husband), W. Brown, Newbold, and Ridett, and Messrs. F. Burton, R. J. Philpot, and A. Cooper. The interment followed at the Cemetery. Messrs H. and F. Damp made the arrangements. – Mrs. Colson and family thank Drs. Bruce and McCann and all relatives and friends for kind letters of sympathy and flowers. Please accept this as the only intimation.

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