

Frederick Charles Downer

and

Matilda Downer

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NEWPORT.

Death of Mr. F. C. Downer. - The death occurred on Thursday, at 99 Hunnyhill, of Mr. Frederick Charles Downer, aged 89. A native of Ryde, Mr. Downer was a blacksmith and wheelwright by trade. He completed his apprenticeship at Southampton, where he met his wife when they were both members of the Southampton Church choir. He returned to the Island in 1894 and worked at the Cement Mills for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Downer had seven children and they celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on Christmas Day, 1947.

Isle of Wight Country Press – 16 October 1954

NEWPORT.

Husband and Wife Die within Four Days. – Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Matilda Downer, whose death at the age of 85 years occurred on Monday, at 99 Hunnyhill, only four days after the death of her husband, Mr. F. C. Downer, who was 89. Last Christmas Day they celebrated 66 years of happy married life. While her health permitted Mrs. Downer attended St. Andrew's Church and was also a member of organisations connected with St. John's and the Congregational churches. The funeral service on Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, was conducted by the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley, and the hymn "Jesu lever of my Soul" was sung. The mourners were Mrs. and Mrs. S. C. Downer and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Downer (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. R. Plucknett, and Mesdames H. J. Richens and B. I. Ireland (sons-in-law and daughters), Messrs. R. Ireland and T. Plucknett (grandsons), Mr. and Mrs. Blackman and Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams (nephews and nieces), and Mr. R. Fletcher. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Downer (son and daughter-in-law) were unable to attend. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

Mr. Downer's funeral service took place on Monday at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke. The Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley officiated. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The mourners were as mentioned above.

The floral tributes in each case included those from friends and neighbours at Hunnyhill. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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