

## James Arthur Harley

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### NEWPORT

**Sudden Death in the Street.**—Much sympathy is felt with the relatives in the tragically sudden death on Monday of Mr. James Arthur Harley, aged 64, of 83 Caesar's-road. He was riding home on his bicycle shortly after 6 p.m. when he collapsed in Drill Hall-road. Dr. J. B. McKay was summoned from his surgery near by, but he found that Mr. Harley had died almost instantly. The facts were reported to the Deputy Coroner, but death was found to be due to natural causes and an inquest was dispensed with. Mr. Harley was a son of Mr. Alfred Harley, a former barge-owner and coal merchant of Newport, and in his early years worked for his father. For the last 40 years he had been in the employ of Shepard Bros., Ltd., latterly as foreman in the stores department, and he was very highly esteemed both by his employers and workmates as a conscientious and popular workman. He was due to retire shortly as he would have reached the age of 65 on Monday. He took a keen interest in the welfare of the P.S.A. Brotherhood, to which he had belonged practically all his life, and at the time of his death he was a member of the committee. He was also a member of the Court Island Foresters, 1821, to which he had belonged for 45 years. His wife died in January of last year.

The funeral took place yesterday (Friday), the first part of the service being at the Castlehold Baptist Church. The Rev. H. W. Hamon officiated in the absence of the Rev. E. G. Keed (Baptist minister) and the service included the hymns "Jesu, Lover of my soul", and "Thine for ever", and the 23rd Psalm. The mourners were Mrs. Morgan and Miss G. Harley (daughters), Messrs. C. and R. Harley (sons), Messrs. H. and E. Harley (brothers), Mesdames H. and W. Harley (daughters-in-law), Mr. W. Morgan (son-in-law), Mesdames Corke and Brenchley (sisters-in-law), Messrs. G. and H. Cox (brothers-in-law), Mesdames H. and E. Cox, Brimson, and Jolliffe, Messrs. Burden and A. V. Faithfull, and Mr. and Mrs. Sims. Among those also attending were Mr. J. F. Launder (Shepard Bros.), Messrs. P. J. and P. R. Croucher (Crouchers, Ltd.), D. H. Foulds (Pickfords, Ltd.), and the following employees of those associated firms: Messrs. J. W. Gibbs, B. Willis, B. Arnold, L. Smith, and A. Woodford, and Mr. W. H. Humphreys, a former employee of Shepard Bros., Mr. G. T. Harris, formerly secretary of Crouchers, Ltd., Messrs. C. Wyatt, W. S. North, J. Clark, and W. Matthews (P.S.A. Brotherhood), Messrs. W. H. Spanner (secretary), A. J. Williams (treasurer), and C. Eldridge (trustee), representing Court Island Foresters, Mr. A. W. Bishop (W. H. Bishop and Son), Mr. W. H. Croucher, Mrs. B. C. Matthews (representing Mr. B. C. Matthews), Mr. and Mrs. C. Munt, Miss Guy (representing Mr. J. Guy), Mr. and Mrs. Shepard, and Mrs. Francis.

The interment was at the Carisbrooke Cemetery, there being a large number of wreaths.—The members of the family wish to express their sincere thanks to all who sent messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes.

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