

## **Ernest John Leal**

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**The Late Mr. E. J. Leal.**—The death occurred on Friday week at Mayfield, Fairlee Road, of Mr. Ernest John Leal, aged 87. Mr. Leal's wife died in 1935. He was for many years employed by the Town Council as foreman mason and was one of the oldest members of the local Court of Foresters. In the days of the Newport Whist League he played for the Carisbrooke Working Men's Club, and he was also a former member of the Carisbrooke Rifle Club. In recent years he was an enthusiastic member of the Bowling Club, playing regularly up to last season and being among the competition winners the previous year.

When foreman mason he collected hundreds of pounds from the Corporation workmen in weekly contributions for the County Hospital and was made a life governor of the hospital.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday at St. Paul's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley). Mr. L. Dore (organist) accompanied the hymns "Abide with me" and "Peace, perfect peace". The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

The mourners were Messrs. H. and R. Leal (sons), W. Jilks and J. Gerry (sons-in-law), R. and B. Smith (grandsons), and Miss M. Gerry (grand-daughter). The Bowling Club was represented by Mr. G. Norman, C.C. (president of the I.W. County Bowling Association, also representing Mr. W. T. Collins, J.P., secretary), and Messrs. H. Cook (treasurer), G. Withers (deputy captain), E. Marshall, and V. Allen. Mr. J. G. Shilston (deputy borough engineer) and Mr. H. W. Bevis represented the Corporation staff.

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