

Hannah Newcombe

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THE LATE MRS. H. NEWCOMBE

The death occurred at St Mary's Hospital on Thursday week of Mrs. Hannah Newcombe, aged 84, of Eridge, Drake Road. Born in Birmingham, Mrs. Newcombe, who possessed a fine mezzo-soprano voice, trained with the celebrated Rosina Buckman, and became a leading member of the Birmingham Choral Society. After her marriage she joined the Stafford Operatic Society as a founder member, and was much in demand for solo and choral work. As a soloist she entertained thousands of troops at Cannock Chase, Stafford, during the 1914-18 war. After her husband's death in 1937 she moved to Bournemouth and came to the Island in 1943. She was a member of the Pyle Street Methodist Church and Sisterhood, the Afternoon Townswomen's Guild, and a founder patron of the Repertory Club.

The funeral service at the Pyle Street Methodist Church on Monday, conducted by the Rev. P. H. Hanks, included the hymns "The King of Love" and "There is a land of pure delight". The mourners were Mrs. L. I. Fry (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Newcombe (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Satchwell (brother and sister-in-law), Miss R. C. Fry (grand-daughter), Mr. and Mrs. F. Frost, Mrs. J. Phillips, Mr. E. Fry and Mr. T. D. Mills. The Afternoon Townswomen's Guild, Sisterhood, and Repertory Club were represented. Floral Tributes included those from the friends and members of the Methodist Church, Townswomen's Guild, and the headmistress and staff of Nine Acres Infants' School. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Mr. A. E. Wyatt made the arrangements.

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