

William George Rann

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Long Service with Saunders-Roe.—Less than a year after he retired from Messrs. Saunders-Roe's employment at East Cowes, the death occurred at his home, 6 Melbourne Street, on Thursday week, of Mr. William George Rann, aged 76. A native of the town, he had 37 years unbroken service with Messrs. Saunders-Roe, the last 10 years of which he spent running a car service between East Cowes, the head office, and Osborne Works, operating a daily schedule carrying drawings, pieces of metal, letters, parcels and frequently employees who had to visit other parts of the works.

When he joined the company his first vehicle was a chain-driven Vulcan, then a T-type Ford. During the whole of his working life he did not have an accident, and when, on his retirement last November, he was presented with a cheque by Capt. E. D. Clarke (managing director), reference was made to his excellent time-keeping and loyalty.

His main recreation was bowls, which he played with the firm's sports and social club. On Dec. 26th he and his wife would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The funeral on Monday at St. John's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. Cooper), assisted by the Rev. R. V. Scruby (Saunders-Roe chaplain). The hymns "Abide with me" and "The day Thou gavest" were sung, and the Nunc dimittis chanted as the cortege left the church.

The family mourners were Mrs. E. K. Rann (widow), Mr. A. W. Rann (son), Mrs. C. W. Dudley (daughter), Mrs. Woodward (sister), Mr. R. Baker, also representing Mr. A. Baker, nephews, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wescomb, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wescomb, Mr. and Mrs. H. Coombs, and Mrs. F. Wescomb (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law). Messrs. Mr. I. W. Peat (welfare officer) and Messrs. W. Arnold and W. Huns (garage staff).

The 23 floral tributes included those from the directors and management and garage staff of Saunders-Roe, and neighbours and friends in Melbourne and Clarendon Streets. Miss Rann (daughter) and Mr. C. Dudley and Mrs. W. Rann (son-in-law and daughter-in-law) were unavoidably prevented from attending.

Mrs. Rann and family thank Dr. Heathcote for his kind attention, and neighbours and friends for letters of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes.

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