

Benjamin Sanders

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DEATH OF MR. B. SANDERS, C.A., OF CARISBROOKE

All who had the pleasure of his cheerful and helpful friendship heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Benjamin Sanders, C.A., which occurred at his residence, Springvale, Carisbrooke, on Tuesday morning, at the age of 69. Ald. Sanders had been in failing health for some three years, but had only been seriously ill for about 10 days. He had ably represented the Carisbrooke division of the County Council for 27 years, having been elected in succession to the late Mr. J. Rice in 1914. Ever since then he had rendered unbroken service and was elected an alderman in 1934 on the death of Ald. G. W. Ball. He seldom took part in debates, but did sound work on many committees, including those responsible for the administration of the police, public assistance, agricultural and small holdings, and the County Mental Hospital. The last-named service was perhaps that in which he took the keenest interest. He was vice-chairman of the Visiting Committee for a time and was ever solicitous for the welfare of the afflicted at Whitecroft and generous in contributing to its promotion. His lifelong experience of horticulture made him a very valuable adviser on small holdings and in other public work affecting the rural life; his knowledge was also used by the Council as a representative on the National Council for Agriculture. He took a warm interest in the I.W. Horticultural Society. He gained his wide experience of horticulture as one of a long line of members of his family who have carried on business for well over a century at the extensive marker garden around his home at Carisbrooke. The business was founded by his grandfather (Mr. James Sanders), whose activities included the supply of water by cart to Newport before there was a pipe supply, and it passed to his father (Mr. Joseph Sanders), one of the early members of the County Council, and uncle (Mr. Benjamin Sanders), and thence to his late brother (Mr. James Sanders), and himself. Mr. Sanders had been the sole proprietor for about 30 years. The business will still be continued in the family by his younger son (Mr. R. Sanders), who has assisted his father. Mr. Sanders had faithfully maintained the family tradition as a member of the Newport Congregational Church, of which he was a deacon, and as a staunch supporter of the Liberal Party. He leaves a widow, two sons, and a daughter, who have the sincere sympathy of all in parting from one whose life in the public eye demonstrated qualities which clearly showed that he was a devoted husband and father.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon, when there was a large attendance at the service in the Newport Congregational Church, at which the Rev. R. Sirhowy Jones and the Vicar of Carisbrooke (the Rev. H. Ewbank) officiated. The former paid an eloquent tribute to the deceased's memory. He said he had been a regular member of the church for 51 years and had filled the office of deacon for 19 years. He was a genial soul, optimistic, always disposed to see the best in others, with a smile and a gracious word of cheer for everyone. He did valuable work on public authorities and in connection with many worthy causes in the village which he loved, and which was proud of him.

The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. L. Sanders (son), Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanders (son and daughter-in-law), Miss M Sanders (daughter), Messrs. W. J. Sanders and S. Smart (nephews), the Misses I. and A. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. H. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gray, and Mrs. G. Harris (nephews and nieces), Mr. J. B. Alderslade, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sutton, and Mr. W. Ginger (an employee for 43 years). Mr. and Mrs. F. Sanders (brother and sister-in-law) and Miss A. Sanders (sister) were unavoidably prevented from attending.

The members of the County Council attending were Sir Godfrey Baring, Bt. (chairman), Aldermen Lieut.- Col S. Chatfeild-Clarke, W. Couldrey, Major A. Dennis, W. Thompson, W. H. Warrior, and G. Moody, Mrs. M. C. Barton, Miss O'Connor, and Messrs. H. E. Warder, E. G. Heal, F. J. Phillips, A. J. Guttridge, G. Moody, junior, A. James, W. Ouseley, G. Snow, E. O. Kirk, A. J. Harman, J. L. Rawcliffe, A. T. Cole, and R. Acheson Webb. County officials present were Mr. H. C. Walker (deputy clerk, representing the county clerk, Mr. P. E. White), Dr. J. Fairley (also representing Dr. W. S. Wallace), Mr. R. G. B. Spicer (Chief Constable), and Messrs. A. H. Hughes, A. J. Harris, H. G. Peachey, J. McKeown, and C. P. Barrett, and Mrs. Lance. The Congregational Church was represented by Messrs. A. G. Harrison, J. Dufton, J. W. Head, F. E. Witcher, and H. S. Porter (deacons), and J. W. Gibbs (Sunday-school superintendent), and amongst the general attendance were the Mayor and Mayoress of Newport (Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Russell), Mrs. A. Kemp (Public Health Committee), Miss Long (Newport V.A.D.), Mr. R. Y. Morgan (chairman of the County Agricultural Committee), Mr. G. S. Green (clerk to the Old Age Pension Committee), Mr. J. H. Deacon (representing the Carisbrooke Club), Mr. T. H. Alexander (chairman of the national Farmers Union and also representing Mr. R. J. Sprake, C.C.), Dr. C. K. Sylvester, Capt. J. S. Brown, Mrs. C. E. Yelf, Miss Cheverton, Mrs. Witcher, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Spanner, Mrs. E. G. Heal, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. W. Upward, Mrs. H. Porter, Mrs. J. W. Head, Mrs. G. Moody, Inspector T. Willmott, and Messrs. W. J. Way, A. Scott, C. V. Cheverton, and L. H. Morgan (representing the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows), M. Morris (Bowcombe), W. H. Dann, W. Ayres (Cowes), W. C. Smith, C. Martin, J. H. Knighton, W. H. Croucher, T. A. Cleaver, R. J. Eldridge, H. M. Ablitt, A. Moody (representing Mr. J. Moody), M. Rice, G. Stephens, C. H. Cowdery, B. Cooper, A. J. Cross, F. J. Rogers, H. E. Blow, L. Jordan, W. W. Flint, A. V. Sully, H. Lower, G. Long, J. F. Launder, A. J. Hayles, F. Burton, G. E. Tomlinson, F. and W. G. Sibbick, L. G. Upward, A. Palmer, A. J. Symons, F. Scovell, W. J. Russell, J. W. Standage, R. A. Soper (representing Mr. A. A. Soper), T. M. Fletcher, G. T. Harris, G. Norman, E. Gash (representing Mr. J. Gash), F. P. Abraham, A. P. Knight, C. Wyatt, E. Taylor, and W. S. North. Ald. A. Andrews (vice-chairman of the County Council), Mr. Percy Wadham, the Rev. A. G. Woodnutt, Mrs. C. A. Houlder, Mr. A. H. Spencer, and Dr. C. Davies-Jones were unavoidably prevented from attending.

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