

**William Douglas Smith**

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**NEWPORT.**

**NAVAL PENSIONER'S DEATH.** – The funeral took place on Monday, at Carisbrooke Cemetery, following a service at St. John's church, the Rev. W. H. Mackinnon officiating, of Mr. William Douglas Smith, aged 56, the esteemed landlord for some years of the Cranbourne. Deceased had been ill, suffering from heart trouble, for some time. He was a naval pensioner, having retired from the service about eight years ago, when he had attained the rank of chief petty officer. He rejoined for the Great War, during which he served for nearly 2 ½ years. He was a valued member of the branch of the British Legion, and a regular attendant at their socials, being a good whist player. He leaves a widow and two young children, for whom much sympathy is felt. The mourners included representatives of the I.W. Licensed Victuallers Association, who sent a beautiful floral tribute.

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