

Clara Jane Wadham

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Death of Mrs. S. C. Wadham. — We regret to record the death on Sunday at her residence, Avington, 6 Royal-crescent, Sandown, of Mrs. Clara Jane Wadham. Mrs. Wadham, who was 81, was the widow of Mr. Sydney Charles Wadham, formerly of Newport, managing director of the furnishing firm of Messrs. Wadham and Sons, which was founded by his father. Mr. Wadham died last August. Mrs. Wadham suffered a stroke some 6 years ago and had been in indifferent health ever since. The day before her death her condition was much about the same, but she was found to have passed away in her sleep by Mrs. Slade, the night nurse, in the early hours of the morning. Mrs Wadham was a native of Bognor. While residing at Newport she took a great interest in musical matters and was a member of the Newport Philharmonic Society. During the last war she was an assiduous worker for the Red Cross as a V.A.D. at the Gatcombe House Hospital. Mrs. Wadham had the distinction of serving as Mayoress of Newport, her husband having been elected mayor in 1919-20, and for some years she was the local hon. Secretary to the Mission to Seamen. During her residence in Sandown she had attended Christ Church whenever health permitted. The funeral was on Thursday, when the Vicar (the Rev. W. M. B. Hogg) officiated at the service in the Parish Church and at the interment by the side of her husband in Carisbrooke Cemetery. Miss K. Lower, L.R.A.M., played “Angels ever bright and fair” and “I know that my Redeemer liveth.” and accompanied the hymns “On the Resurrection morning” and “Hark, hark, my soul.” The mourners were Mr. And Mrs. V. S. Wadham (son and daughter-in-law), Mesdames H. A. Coombs and L. Macan (daughters), Mrs. W. L. Bright (sister-in-law), Messrs. A. E. and P. F. Wadham (brothers-in-law), Messrs W. and S. Wadham (nephews), Mrs F. G. Wadham, Mrs Sangster, Mrs. Slade, Messrs. W. L. and F. W. Bright, Mr A. Allam (representing Messrs, Wadham and Sons), and Mr. And Mrs. E. Realey. The floral tributes included one from the staff of Wadham and Sons. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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