

Alexander Edward Bailey

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GUNVILLE RAILWAYMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH

The death occurred suddenly on Tuesday afternoon of Mr. Alexander Edward Bailey, aged 55, of 130 Gunville Road, Carisbrooke. He was joking with his workmates in the motive power department at St. John's, Ryde, when he collapsed and was dead when aid was summoned. The facts were reported to the Coroner (Mr. J. V. Bullin), who decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Mr. Bailey, who left hospital six weeks ago, had been in the employ of British Railways for 41 years. He was a native of Guildford, Surrey, where he commenced work on the Southern Railway as a cleaner. He married at Guildford in 1923, came to the Island three years later, and worked at the Newport and Ryde depots. For the last 15 years he had been an engine driver. He was a keen gardener, specialising in chrysanthemum and dahlia growing, and recently won a silver medal at Shanklin for chrysanthemums. He was a member of the I.W. Angling Society and the Ryde Vectis Boating and Fishing Club.

Mr. Bailey leaves a widow, one son, and two daughters. The funeral will take place at Guildford.

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