

## **Ellen Simmonds**

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### **NEWPORT**

**Ald. J. S. Simmonds Bereaved.**- Sincere sympathy has been aroused with Alderman J. J. Simmonds in the death of his wife, Mrs. Ellen Simmonds, which occurred suddenly at their home at 97 Pyle Street on Thursday morning. The facts have been reported to the Coroner, who has ordered a post-mortem examination, and the funeral has been provisionally fixed for Tuesday, a service in the Parish Church at 11.30 to be followed by cremation. Mrs. Simmonds, who was 70, was a member of the Meguyer family of Sandown. In her early married life she assisted her husband as the licensee of the Hare and Hounds Inn at Arreton, and later when he was the host of the Freemasons Tavern. In recent years she had not enjoyed good health and this was the reason why Ald. Simmonds had on several occasions declined the mayoralty of the borough. In spite of her indifferent health, however, Mrs. Simmonds had always in a quiet way enthusiastically supported her husband in his public work, and she was held in much esteem. She leaves four sons and a daughter.

**Isle of Wight County Press - 11 March 1950**

**The Late Mrs. E. Simmonds.**- The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Simmonds, wife of Ald. J. J. Simmonds, whose death was recorded in our last issue, took place on Tuesday. The service at St. Thomas's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) and Miss K. Lower (organist) accompanied the hymns "Abide with me" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er." The mourners were Ald. J. J. Simmonds (husband), Mr. and Mrs. J. Simmonds and Mr. and Mrs. D. Simmonds (sons and daughters-in-law), Messrs. C. and P. Simmonds (sons), Messrs. G., J., R., and P. Meguyer (brothers), Mrs. D. Westmore (sister), and Mr. T. Lawes (son-in-law). Messrs. J. J. Simmonds and Co., Ltd., were represented by Miss F. Jacobs and Messrs. F. C. Hobbs, R. Webb, H. T. Parsons, A. W. Stevens, and N. Barton. Cremation followed the service at Southampton. Mrs. Lawes (daughter), Mrs. Taylor (sister), Mrs. Pragnell (sister-in-law), Mrs. C. Simmonds (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. D. Biles, Ald. F. F. Hollis, and Mr. O. C. Hamilton were unable to attend owing to indisposition. The numerous wreaths included one from Messrs. J. Simmonds and Co., Ltd.

Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.- Mr. J. J. Simmonds and family wish to thank all those who sent letters and flowers and especially to thank the neighbours for their help and kindness. Kindly accept this as the only intimation.

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