

David Josiah Bartlett

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NEWPORT

Death of Mr. D. J. Bartlett.----A much respected resident is lost to the town by the death on Wednesday at his residence, 128 Carisbrooke-road, of Mr. David Josiah Bartlett, at the age of 77. A native of St. Helens, the deceased came to Newport in his early years and was employed as a bricklayer. He was secretary of the branch of the Operative Bricklayers` Society, one of the earliest trade unions. Later he became well known as a builder on his own and continued the business until his retirement some 10 years ago. He was formerly a member of the Borough Fire Brigade and of the I.W. Volunteers. He rendered very useful service on the Board of Guardians from 1923 to 1928. Apart from his business associations, the late Mr. Bartlett was probably best known for his devoted service to the Quay-street Methodist Church, which has undergone two changes of title in his lifetime----from Bible Christian to United Methodist in his early years, and from United Methodist to Methodist in more recent times. He was a member of the church choir when Mr. W. J. Bailey was the organist, and was the leader of the Bible Class, in which latter capacity many prominent local men passed through his hands. He also served as a trustee of the church and had held the position of Society Steward. His many interests included horticulture and sport. He was a member of the I.W. Horticultural Association and a keen follower of sport. On fine days he was always to be seen at the Recreation-ground following the fortunes of the Newport and Newport-Trades elevens, and even latterly, when unable to walk, he frequently attended the matches in an invalid chair. He also took a keen interest in the football club. His death followed an illness lasting some years, during which he lost his wife about two years ago. He leaves one son and two daughters, with whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at the Quay-street Methodist Church, at 2.45.

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The Late Mr. D. J. Bartlett.-----The funeral of Mr. David J. Bartlett, of 128 Carisbrooke-road, whose death occurred last week, took place on Saturday. The first part of the service was held in the Quay-street Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. J. Higman. Mr. W. G. Cooper was at the organ and played Handel`s "Largo" and accompanied the singing of the hymn "Jerusalem, the golden." The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bartlett (son and daughter-in-law), Miss H. Bartlett (daughter) Mr. and Mrs. A. Hess (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. J. Bartlett of Southampton (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. E. Moore (sister), Mr. A. Gray, of Ryde (uncle), Mr. S. Bartlett (nephew), Mr. W. and Mr. and

Mrs. G. Bartlett, the Misses Cooper of Nettlestone, and Mrs Nederman (cousins), and Mr. F. Attrill. Those also present included Mr. W. C. Black, Ald. W. Blake, J.P., Mr. H. Lower, T.C., Mr. W. G. B. Weeks, Mr. E. R. Dore, C.C., Mr. A. G. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Downer, and Mr. W. C. Smith, T.C. The interment followed at Newport Cemetery. The numerous floral tributes included wreaths from the Quay-street Methodist Church, the choir of the church, the staff at Emor House, the staff at 147 High-street, and the Newport Football Club. The flag at the Newport F. C. ground was flown at half mast. At the evening service in the Quay-street Methodist Church on Sunday, the Rev. J. Higman made reference to Mr. Bartlett's death, and paid tribute to his services to that church. As a token of respect the choir sang "Crossing the bar" to Bridge's setting, and the hymn "For all the Saints."

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