

Ada Douglas Cooke

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Former Milliner and Bowls Player.--Mrs. Ada Douglas Cooke, aged 84, of 2 Holyrood Street, who died on Saturday, was well known in the town through her own and later her husband's business associations. She was the widow of Mr. Harry Cooke, who ran an old-established family concern, as a gent's outfitter in Holyrood Street, and before their marriage had a milliner's shop in the High Street under her maiden name of Ada McCulloch. Her skill as a needlewoman was used to good effect in making numerous soft toys, many of which she gave for different charities, particularly during the war. Formerly well known in the Island as a keen bowls player, she had been a member of the Newport and Ryde bowling clubs. She was a member of the Afternoon Townswomen's Guild and the Electrical Association for Women. She leaves four sons. The funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Barton, on Wednesday, was conducted by the Rev. W. Boardman. The family mourners were Messrs. J. D., R. and W. Cooke (sons). Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cooke and Mrs. W. Cooke (son and daughters-in-law) were unable to attend. Organisations with whom Mrs. Cooke had been associated were represented, and the wreaths included those from the Electrical Association for Women, Afternoon Townswomen's Guild, Frank E. Whitcher, Ltd., and staff of the C. E. Junior School. Interment was at Newport Cemetery. Mr. A. E. Wyatt made the arrangements.

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