

Richard Parsons

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS - 8 March 1947

NEWPORT

DEATH OF A NONAGENARIAN. - The death occurred at 1 Caesars-road on Wednesday, at the age of 91, of Mr. Richard Parsons for many years curator of Newport Cemetery and a skilful horticulturist. He was the oldest member of the Liberal Club, where he enjoyed a game of billiards until quite recently. The funeral service will be at the Quay-street Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Monday.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS - 15 March 1947

NEWPORT

FUNERAL OF MR. R. PARSONS. - The funeral took place on Monday of Mr. Richard Parsons, of 1 Caesars Road, whose death at the age of 91 we recorded last week. He was curator of Newport Cemetery for 30 years, and was the oldest member of the I.W. Horticultural Association, in which he took a very keen and active interest in his younger days, and of the Quay Street Methodist Church, of which he was a trustee. He was the oldest member of the Liberal Club. He and his late wife celebrated their diamond wedding two years ago. He led an active life until a few weeks before his death. A service was held at the Quay Street Church, conducted by the Rev. G. Chamberlain, who paid tribute to his devotion to the church and to his broadminded Christian character. Mr. W. G. Bartlett (organist) accompanied the hymns "Rock of ages" and "Abide with me," and played "O rest in the Lord." The principal mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. Millard (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. F. Witham (son-in-law), Miss B. Witham (grand-daughter), Mr. J. E. F. Witham (grandson), Mrs. L. Witham (niece) and Miss Q. Witham (cousin). Miss E. Parsons and Mrs. F. Witham (daughters) were unable to attend owing to ill-health. The trustees of the Methodist Church attending were Messrs. W. H. Downer, T.C., P. Scott, S. W. Layley, C. J. Sheath (representing Mr. P. J. Croucher), and G. Ryall, and Miss G. Ashby (hon. secretary). The Liberal Club was represented by Messrs. G. H. Snellgrove (hon. secretary), W. J. Cousins (assistant secretary), and S. G. Early, the Horticultural Association by Messrs. W. Thorburn and P. G. Jenkins, and the St. John's Men's Bible Class by Mr. W. G. Sibbick, J.P. Others present were Mesdames B. Sheaf, Ebdon, P. Scott, and W. H. Downer, Miss A. Bull, and Messrs. G. Norman, C.C., E. Plucknett (representing B. Taylor), M. Cheek, F. D. Heal, and A. Morris.

The interment took place at Newport Cemetery, and among numerous floral tributes were those from May and Len; Minnie and Harry; Lizzie, Kit, and Bell; Elizabeth, Beatrice, and Queenie Witham; May, Fred, and grandchildren Barbara and Jeff; Mr. Gash and family; Mr. and Mrs. Dove; friends and neighbours; Quay Street Church; and the Liberal Club. Mr. H. W. Parnell made the arrangements.

The family of Mr. R. Parsons desire to thank all friends and neighbours for their help and kindness and for the beautiful floral tributes. Will they please accept this as the only intimation,

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