

Elizabeth Mary Sheaf

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NEWPORT

Notable Worker for Local Charities.--Many who were associated with her, particularly in connection with the local Rowing Club and the carnival, will learn with regret of the death at the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Thursday of Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Sheaf, late of Hurstake, aged 79. Mrs. Sheaf was an indomitable worker for charitable objects and her energy and drive contributed for many years to the successes achieved by carnivals. A member of the Hollis family, Mrs. Sheaf was a native of the town and attended the Church of England School. Her husband, Mr. A. H. Sheaf, who died in 1941, was for many years well-known as a fisherman and waterman, and their home at Hurstake was always open to members of the adjacent Rowing Club for whom Mrs. Sheaf worked indefatigably. She was the donor of one of the trophies rowed for annually. For many years she was collector and children's procession organiser for Newport Carnival, and few had her ability to persuade local tradespeople to contribute liberally, or her enthusiasm both on carnival day and in the long preparations for the event. She was a founder member of the local Labour Party and a vice-president, and had been actively associated with the local branch of the Co-operative Society as a member and former chairman of the education committee. During the last war Mrs. Sheaf was W.V.S. billeting officer for the district, and here again she put in long hours of unselfish work. She was also a member of the Afternoon Townswomen's Guild and choir. While her health permitted, she regularly attended the Parish Church, and during the vicariate of the late Canon C. H. Thompson was an active worker for bazaars and similar church efforts. After living for 50 years at Hurstake, she left some three years ago, residing first with one of her two daughters, Mrs. M. E. Ranger, who was also associated with her in many of her activities, and latterly with her other daughter, Mrs. A. C. Dear, at 65 High Street, Ryde. She also leaves two sons. The funeral service will be on Monday at the Parish Church, at 8 p.m.

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The Late Mrs. E. M. Sheaf.--The funeral took place on Monday of Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Sheaf, formerly of Hurstake, whose death was reported in last week's issue. The service was held at the Parish Church and the Rev. S. F. Cooper (vicar of St. John's) officiated. The family mourners were Mrs. A. C. Dear, representing Mr. Dear, son-in-law, and Mrs. M. E. Ranger (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Sheaf and Mrs. A. H. Sheaf, representing Mr. Sheaf (son and daughters-in-law), and Messrs. J. Dear and M. Ranger (grandsons). Representatives of many organisations with which Mrs. Sheaf had been connected attended and also sent floral tributes. Interment followed in Newport Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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