

John Sheath

Isle of Wight County Press - 16 January 1915

NEWPORT

DEATH OF MR. JOHN SHEATH. - A well-known and highly esteemed tradesman passed away early on Tuesday morning, in the person of Mr. John Sheath, corn and meal merchant, of Nodehill. The deceased, who was 64 years of age, had borne a long and trying illness with admirable cheerfulness and fortitude. The end came rather unexpectedly, and very sincere sympathy is felt with the widow and family in their great loss. Previous to starting business on his own account, Mr. Sheath was in the employ of Messrs. Edwin Way & Co., and both as servant and master he won the respect of all who had dealings with him. He was an old and valued member of the United Methodist Church, of which he was trustee for many years. The funeral takes place to-morrow (Sunday), the service at the United Methodist Church being at 3.0, and a memorial service will take place at 6.30.

Isle of Wight County Press - 23 January 1915

NEWPORT

THE LATE MR. JOHN SHEATH.— The funeral of the late Mr John Sheath, corn and meal merchant, of Upper St. James's-street, took place on Sunday afternoon amidst striking evidence of general respect and esteem which the deceased had gained. The service at the United Methodist Church, of which place of worship the deceased had for a great many years been a devoted Worshipper and general helper, was largely attended, the building being full. Mr. W. G. Bartlett (organist) and the choir were in attendance. The hymns "Asleep in Jesus" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er" were sung, and the organist played "O rest in the Lord" at the commencement and the "Dead march" from *Saul* as the coffin was borne from the church, The Rev. David Watkins officiated, and in an eloquent tribute to the deceased referred in touching words to his true Christian life, his generosity, his kindness of heart, and last but not least, his straightforward, manly conduct throughout his business life. He also expressed profound sympathy with his widow and daughters in their heavy bereavement. The chief mourners were the widow, Mesdames Puddick and Guttridge and the Misses Annie, Nellie, Kate, and Lizzie Sheath (daughters), Messrs. James and George Sheath (brothers), Mr. James Sheath (brother-in-law), Mrs. Taylor (sister-in-law), Mr. R. Guttridge, (son-in-law), Messrs. S., C., and T. Sheath (nephews), Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Godfrey, Mr. Leslie Nobbs, and Messrs. I. W. Pitman, and W. H. Croucher (executors). Among the large following were the deceased's employees (Messrs. F. New, W. Starks, W. Earney, and O. Chiverton), Messrs. Leonard Jordan, C.C., F. E. Whitcher, T.C., John Roach, H. New, W. Morris, R. W. Morris (Whitcombe), W. Morris (Great Pan), C. J. Sheath, E. Huxham, F. Rose, E. Matthews, D. J. Bartlett, A. H. North, E. J. Kemp, C. H. Cave, G. Morris, W. J. Bailey, jun., H. Shepard, E. Morris, J.P., F. Diffey, P. Jackman, G. and H. Rice, J. M. Sibbick, C. White, F. Midlane, W. H. Downer, F. J. Bound, P. J. Croucher, T.C., and F. Spanner. The interment was at Newport Cemetery.

Messrs. H. and F. Damp were the undertakers. On Sunday evening a memorial service was held at the United Methodist Church, and at the close the organist played "But the Lord is mindful" (Mendelssohn). — Mrs. Sheath and the family of the late Mr. John Sheath wish to take this opportunity of returning their heartfelt thanks for the numerous kindly enquiries and letters of sympathy, and also for the beautiful floral tokens.

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