

Sidney Spencer

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Old Contemptible's Death. --- The death occurred on Thursday week of Mr. Sidney Spencer, aged 67, a well-known member of the Island branch of the Old Contemptibles' Association. Mr. Spencer, who lived at 34 Holyrood Street, was born at Cowes and worked for 12 years on the Island railways as a platelayer, later being employed by Saro Laminated. During the first world war he served in the Dorset Regt., and was a prisoner of war for four years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren. The funeral took place on Monday, the service at the Victoria Methodist Church being conducted by the minister of Quay Street Methodist Church (the Rev. Dr. W. H. Mildon). The hymns "Rock of ages" and "Abide with me" were sung. The mourners were Mrs. Spencer (widow), Mr. F. G. and Mr. and Mrs. S. Spencer (sons and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gearing and Mrs. J. Moore (son-in-law and daughters), Mr. G. Pierce, and Mrs. L. Frost. The president and chairman of the Island Old Contemptibles' Association (Chum E. C. Pearson, M.S.M.) and members of the association formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the church. The interment followed at Newport Cemetery. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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