

Jacob Williams

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NEWPORT

Oldest Forester`s Death.----Mr. Jacob Williams, aged 91, the oldest member of the local Court of Foresters, a retired yachting hand and a highly esteemed resident throughout his life, died at his home at 3 Quay-street, on Wednesday. Sincere sympathy is felt with his widow at the parting after over 65 years of happy married comradeship, and with his three sons and three daughters, the sons including Mr. Harry Williams, hon. secretary of the I.W. Football Association. Mr. Williams spent his working life at sea, serving on yachts. For many years he walked from Newport to his work at Cowes, arriving there at 6 o`clock in the morning and then walking home again in the evening. Among the yachts on which he served were Col. Hickman Morgan`s Boadicea, Mr. Ogden Golette`s White Lady and Mayflower, the Empress Eugenie`s Thistle, Lord Brassey`s Sunbeam, Mr. Anthony Drexel`s Marguerite, and Sir Richard Buckley`s Aphrodite and Carmen. In these vessels he went to many parts of the world. One of his most prized possessions, among a host of mementoes of his trips, was a photograph of the crew of the White Lady with Lily Langtry as a guest at Algiers. Mr. Williams gave up going to sea at the age of 70 and has since been living in retirement. He enjoyed wonderfully good health until quite recently. When he and Mrs. Williams celebrated their diamond wedding in 1938 they received a telegram of congratulation and good wishes from the King and Queen. The funeral will take place to-day (Saturday), the interment being in Newport Cemetery, following a service at the house.

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The Late Mr. J. Williams.---The funeral took place in Newport Cemetery, on Saturday, following a service at deceased`s home, of Mr. Jacob Williams, of 3 Quay-street. The Rev. H. M. Jackson officiated, and the mourners were Messrs. W. and H. A. Williams (sons), Mrs. E. M. Cooper (daughter), Mr. H. Williams (grandson, who also represented Mr. E. J. Williams, son, who is in Australia), Miss L. Akers (representing Mrs. J. Hodders, daughter, in Australia), Mr. T. C. McGrotty (son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. and Mr. and Mrs. B. Ansell, and Mrs. T. C. McGrotty, junior (nephews and nieces), and Mr. G. Locke (an old shipmate). The Foresters were represented by Messrs. R. Goddard (district secretary), W. Spanner (secretary of the local Court, who read the Foresters burial service at the graveside), J. C. Williams, E. Drudge, and B. Leigh. Others present were Mr. J. V. Duke (Newport Football Club) and Mr. B. Williams. There were floral tributes from : His wife and family; sister Harriet and family

(Cowes); Dolly, Reg, Sheila, and Maureen; Tom and Iris; Fred (Southsea); Lena; officers and members of the Newport Football Club; Mr. and Mrs. P. Scott, Win, Dor, and Rita; J. V. Duke; Mr. H. Brown (Fairlee); Mrs. Bell and Bertha; neighbours of Quay-street; Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and Ronald; and his old shipmate, G. Locke. The arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Hamilton and Son.-----Mrs. Williams and family desire to thank Dr. Foster and Nurses Moat, Cheverton, and Cooper for their kind attention to Mr. Williams during his illness.

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