

William Blake

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DEATH OF AN OLD TRADESMAN

MR WILLIAM BLAKE

The death occurred on Sunday, at his residence in Carisbrooke-road, of Mr. William Blake, probably the oldest tradesman of the town, and a very esteemed resident, at the ripe age of 86. The deceased was the head of the printing and publishing firm of Messrs. W. Blake and Son, of Pyle-street, to which business he succeeded 53 years ago, when his business premises were in St Thomas's-square. A man of high integrity of character, and of sturdy independence, he won the warm regard of all who knew him. For some years he was a valued church worker and office bearer at St. John's, having been churchwarden there for some time. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is with the family in their bereavement. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the first part of the service being at St. John's Church and the interment in the family burial-place at Newport Cemetery, the Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. W.H. Mackinnon) officiating. The Mourners were Mr. W. Blake (son), Mrs. G.E. Weeks (daughter), Mr. E. Blake (son), Mrs E. Blake (daughter-in-law), Mr. W.B. Weeks, Mr. F.W. Blake, Mr. W.E. Blake, Mr. G.E. Weeks (son-in-law), Mrs. W. Blake (daughter-in-law), Mr. L. Blake, Mrs. Brown, Mr. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., Miss Cheverton, Capt. Hills, Mr. P. Brown, Mr. And Mrs. H.K. Day, Mr. And Mrs. T. Fish, Mr. T. Duke, Mr. P. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Dann, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bird Cheverton, Mr. Flux, Mr. John Alderslade (executor), Mr. A. Kemp, Dr. Thompson, and the employés of Messrs. W. Blake and Son. There were also in the church Messrs. G.A. Brannon, F.W. Yelf, J. Howard Burgess, R.J. Eldridge, A. Mearman, sen., Simmonds, W.H. Baker, F. Midlane, Mrs. R.B. Cheverton, Mrs. Jeffery, Mrs. Hills, and others. Messrs. H. and F. Damp carried out the funeral arrangements.

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