

Ada Marianne Chevalier

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A Lover of the Island.

UNIQUE FUNERAL REQUEST.

The death took place at Irving Cottage, Chipperfield, Kings Langley, Herts, on December 20th, at the age of 73, of Mrs. Ada Marianne Chevalier, widow of Mr. Henry Vine Chevalier, who died in 1883 while residing at Shide Hill House, Newport. Mrs. Chevalier was a great lover of the Island. She spent her early life here, and since her husband's death, while residing in Hertfordshire, she had been a frequent visitor to Freshwater. She particularly loved the beauties of the Tennyson country in the West Wight, and it was her desire that her body should be laid to rest by the side of her husband at Newport Cemetery, and that en route the cortege should pass through the beautiful scenes in the West Wight which she had enjoyed in life and that the coffin should be conveyed on a horse-drawn hearse. This wish was faithfully carried out by her daughter at the funeral on Tuesday. The coffin was landed at Yarmouth at about 10 a.m., and placed on a horse-drawn hearse from Newport. Resting amid a mass of beautiful flowers, it was taken through Norton, Freshwater, Freshwater Bay (thus passing through the heart of the Tennyson country), Calbourne, and Carisbrooke, to Newport Parish Church. The service here was conducted, in the presence of a few immediate relatives and friends, by the Vicar (Canon C. H. Thompson), and the interment followed at the cemetery, where a marble cross over her late husband's grave bears the inscription "To him so mourned in death, so loved in life, his widowed wife inscribes this cross."

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