

## Harry Collins

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**Well-known Baptist's Death.** - The death occurred on Friday week at St Mary's Hospital of Mr. Harry Collins, aged 79, of The Lindens, 80 Medina Avenue. Mr. Collins was a native of Botley, Southampton, and was employed for many years by a well-known Surrey family at Banstead as a gardener. He was extremely fond of flowers and music, and wherever he lived played the organ in Baptist churches. He served in the R.A.S.C. during the 1914-18 war, and his younger son was reported missing during the last war while on an operational flight with the R.A.F. After his retirement 10 years ago he came to the Island, where, until the breakdown of his health, he was a regular worshipper at the Castlehold Baptist Church. His death will be regretted, particularly by members of the Baptist Church. The funeral service at the Baptist Church on Tuesday was conducted by the Rev. L. R. Davies, J.P., of Wembley, who was until recently minister of the church. He spoke of the high esteem in which Mr. Collins was held, of his serene and gentle manner, of his happiness when playing the organ or piano, his love of garden and flowers, and of the great pleasure he derived from giving flowers to those he showed around his garden. His was a truly Christian character.

The hymn "In heavenly love abiding" and the metrical version to Psalm 23 to Crimond, two of Mr. Collins' favourites, were sung. The family mourners were Mrs. M. M. Collins (widow), Mesdames K. Allen and E. Skinner (daughters), Messrs. P. Allen and G. Clarke (sons-in-law), Messrs. A. and H. Collins (brothers), Mrs. Maidman (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Embling (nephew and niece), Messrs. C. and R. Gubbey (brother-in-law), Mesdames L. Gubbey and E. Collins (sisters-in-law), and Mrs. Davies, Mrs. R. Chiverton, and Mr. H. Miles. Mr. and Mrs. L. Collins (son and daughter-in-law) were unable to attend.

The floral tributes included those from former employers of Mr. Collins for many years at Sutton, Surrey, deacons and members of the church, and friends and neighbours. The interment was at Newport Cemetery.

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