

George Keith Elphinstone Dench

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NAVAL STOKER'S FUNERAL AT NEWPORT.

The funeral took place at Newport Cemetery yesterday (Friday) afternoon of George Keith Dench, who died on Sunday last after a lingering illness, at the home of his father, Mr. Albert Dench. Deceased, who was the youngest son of the family, was a mechanical stoker on board H.M.S. Terrible, now at Portsmouth, and he had been in the service about four years, being held in high esteem by his shipmates, the following of whom paid the last tribute of respect to his memory by attending the obsequies: First Petty Officers Watts and Hill, Second Petty Officers Fernandex, Colbourne, Cashman, Purham, and Withers, and Stokers Hayter, Carver, Nolan, Saunderson, Ford, Sack, and Shannon. The personal mourners included Messrs. Albert Dench (father), Robert Dench (brother), Henry Fry (brother-in-law), J. Speering, Edward March (Lord Napier Inn, Victoria-park, London), and J. Cromby. There were a large number of beautiful wreaths from personal friends and shipmates, two being inscribed "A token of esteem from his shipmates, the stokers of H.M.S. Terrible."

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