

## **James David Rufus Fry**

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### **NEWPORT SPORTSMAN'S DEATH**

#### **MR. JAMES DAVID RUFUS FRY**

One of the oldest members of Newport Football Club, Mr. James David Rufus Fry, aged 81, died at St Mary's Hospital, on Wednesday week. Mr. Fry, who lived at 8 Coppins Bridge was well known in sporting circles throughout the Island as honorary vice-president of the football club and for some years a member of the management committee. He was one of the first players of the club, joining over 60 years ago. Before playing for the town club he was a member of the Medina Rovers football club. He was also well known as a collector for the Hampshire F.A. Benevolent Fund, and in acknowledgement of his making collections at football matches for the Royal I.W. County Hospital, he was made a life governor. Born at Newport, he lived in the town for most of his life. In his early days he served in the Merchant Navy, and afterwards took up milling, becoming foreman at Messrs. J. A. Rank, Ltd. He was also keenly interested in cricket and a regular watcher at the Newport C.C. matches on the Victoria Recreation Ground. Some years ago he was the delegate of the local branch to the Transport and General Workers' Union. He is survived by two sons. His wife died in 1950.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the service at St. Thomas's Church, Newport, being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth). The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fry and Mr. R. E. Fry (sons and daughter-in-law), Mr. A. Fry (brother) and Mr. K. Fry and Miss R. Fry (grandchildren). Among the large congregation were representatives of Messrs. J. A. Rank's flour mills, who also sent a wreath. There were numerous other floral tributes, including one from neighbours at Coppins Bridge. Messrs. O.C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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