

William Henry Knight

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Retired Mariner's Sudden Death.- The death took place on Tuesday week of Mr. William Henry Knight, of 19 Pyle Street, one of a long line of seafarers. He was 66. At the age of nine he began work in the sailing ships of Shepard Bros., his father's employers. He was also interested in matters military, and as a gunner in the I.W. Militia was sent for service in the South African War while only a youth. Apart from this period he was employed continuously by Shepard Bros. and later by Messrs. Carter Paterson and Pickfords for 52 years. On completion of 50 years service he was presented with a silver watch by Mr. W. J. Elliott (general manager) at Portsmouth. He was master of many vessels and prior to retirement in 1946 was, for several years, captain of the Wave, the crew of which, as a final tribute, flew their ensign at half-mast. A veritable "old-timer," Mr. Knight had never seen a sound picture. His hobby was clock repairer and he devoted all his spare time to it. Although he officially retired last year he continued to work for his firm. On Tuesday week he left the Quay at 4.30 p.m. and collapsed and died 10 minutes later only a few yards from his home. Dr. Jones, who had attended him for many years on account of heart trouble, was summoned, but could only pronounce life extinct. The facts were reported to the Coroner, who deemed an inquest unnecessary. He leaves a widow and daughter, with whom deep sympathy is felt in their unexpected loss. The Funeral took place on Saturday, the service being held at the Victoria Methodist Church. The Rev. J. L. Stafford (minister) officiated and the mourners were Mrs. V. Phillips (daughter), Mrs. R. Phillips (sister), Messrs. E. and Edwin Knight (brothers), Messrs. J. W. and F. Lockhart, R. Keer, and W. Williams (brothers-in-law), and Messrs. J. Downer and E. Blake. Messrs. Carter Paterson and Pickfords were represented by fellow employees. The interment was at Newport Cemetery. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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