

Thomas Charles McGrotty

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Former Prison Officers' Death. – The death occurred suddenly on Saturday at Norton Lea, Fairlee Road, of Mr. Thomas Charles McGrotty, aged 67. A native of Carisbrooke, Mr. McGrotty was the grandson of Major J. McGrotty, who was for a period custodian of Carisbrooke Castle. He was educated at Portland House academy and joined the Army in 1901, serving in the Royal Artillery. On the termination of his engagement in 1913 he joined the prison service at Parkhurst. Soon after the outbreak of the 1914-18 war Mr. McGrotty rejoined the Royal Artillery. He attained the rank of sergeant and served in France for about three years. On demobilisation in 1919 he resumed duties at Parkhurst Prison, where he remained until retirement, because of ill health, in 1941. A keen billiards and snooker player, Mr. McGrotty was a member of the Wootton Social Club. The funeral service took place on Tuesday at St. Paul's Church, the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. Wheatley) officiating. The mourners were Mrs. McGrotty (widow), Mr. T. C. McGrotty (son), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tims (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. H. Mackett (brother-in-law, representing his wife), Capt. H. A. Drudge, M.B.E., Mr. P. Blake, and Miss G. Ballard. Others present included representatives of the Wootton Social Club, Messrs. H. W. Morey and Sons, Ltd., and the local branch of the Royal Artillery Association. Interment was at the Fairlee Road Cemetery. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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