

## **Fred Morgan**

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### **DEATH OF MR. FRED MORGAN, OF NEWPORT**

The borough lost one who was prominent and popular in its business, social, and sporting life for over 40 years by the sudden death on Sunday of Mr. Fred Morgan, who for many years was in business as an ironmonger in Holyrood-street, and was for a time a member of the Town Council. Mr. Morgan, who was 75, retired from business about six years ago and for the last year or so had been a guest at Glenfield, Carisbrooke, the residence of Misses Cave. During the last month he had complained of his heart and had been attended by Dr. C. K. Sylvester, who saw him on Saturday, but he had continued to get out with his dogs. At about 8.30 on Sunday morning, when Miss Cave entered his room with his breakfast, she discovered that he had passed away. Mr. Morgan came from Southampton to Newport just over 40 years ago as an employee of the late Mr. Arthur Wood, but he soon launched out into business on his own account and successfully traded for about 30 years. He was a member of the Town Council, being co-opted to a vacancy in 1918, and remained a councilor until 1926, when he failed to secure re-election. For a time he was the energetic chairman of the Waterworks Committee. A Past Master of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, and a Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon, he was well known and popular in local Freemasonry, and was also a prominent figure in Island bowling circles, having taken a keen and active interest in the game since the days of the Carisbrooke Club on the Eight Bells green, and in more recent times as a member of the Newport Club. For a time he was churchwarden of the Parish Church. He was also an enthusiastic fisherman. His cheery good sportsmanship and generosity won his many friends, who deplore his passing. His wife died in 1930 and he lost his only son in the last war. There was a large attendance of Freemasons and other friends at the funeral on Wednesday when a service was held at St. John's Church and the interment was at Newport Cemetery. The Rev. W. H. Mackinnon (vicar, and chaplain of Albany Lodge) officiated and, after the burial office he read the Freemasons' oration and their brethren sang their ode. The hymns "Jesu, Lover of my soul," and "Abide with me" were sung, and Miss D. Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M. (organist), played "Rest here in peace" from St. John's Passion, "Jesu, Joy of man's desiring" (Bach), and Mendelssohn's "Funeral March." The chief mourners were Messrs. F. Cooper and A. W. Kime, and others attending were Misses Cave, Mesdames K. Westmore and H. T. Read, the Rev. R. Sirhowy Jones, and Messrs. W. J. Whittington, J.P., and W. T. Collins, J.P. (representing the Newport Bowling Club), A. Heal (I.W. Canine Association), C. Eldridge (Rookwood Bowling Club), L. P. and J. P. Mew, A. Wood, W. A. Hurst, H. F. Read, A. Chappell, A. F. Hart, L. J. Tanton, W. H. and A. A. Knight, and W. Lockhart. The brethren of Albany Lodge present were W. D. Way Buckell (Worshipful Master), H. W. Horan, W. J. Rugg, W. C. Black, A. H. Dockrill, J. McKeown, R. P. Mew, A. J. Hitching, C. M. Dabell, G. C. Russell (Mayor of Newport), W. L. Bright, T. W. Alexander, T. Ross Pratt, F. Burton, T. Nobbs, H. H. Gould, B. Cooper, G. H. Arthur, W. Barton, F. and G. Yelf, H. Whitehead, W. Guy, W. G. B. Weeks, M. Attrill, R. J. Sprake, H. T. Read, F. J. Wray, J. B. and W. M.

Alderslade, H Digby, H. G. Simpkins, W. H. Margham, M. Whitworth, T. A. Cowley, S. F. Holmes, A. G. Bird, H. W. Lincoln, E. Wood, R.S. Curry, R. H. Taylor, W. Ablitt, T. E. Duke, B. Davies, G. S. Green, and A. W. Bishop. Other Freemasons attending included H. Nelson Payne (Chine Lodge, Shanklin), H. Parker and A. O. Purdy (Needles). The floral tributes included those from the Albany Lodge of Freemasons; the Newport Bowling Club; the Cowes Masonic Bowling Club; the I.W. Canine Association; Messrs. W. H. Knight, L. J. Tanton, and W Lockhart (former employees); and friends at the Wheatsheaf Hotel. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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