

Henry Way

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Veteran Volunteer and Trade Unionist. – The many friends of Mr. Henry Way, of 18 Hearn Street, heard with regret of his death at St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday at the age of 83. Mr. Way, whose diamond wedding anniversary was reported in the "County Press" of July 7th, was a native of the town and started work with Messrs. Arnell, at Home Mills, at the age of 16, and remained on the staff there for 57 years, working for its subsequent owners (Messrs. Thomas, Gater, Bradfield, and Co. and Messrs. Leigh Thomas and Co.). He served for 15 years in the I.W. Volunteers and later was a sergeant in the Territorials (8th Hants) for four years, finishing his service just before the first world war. He was among the Island's first lorry drivers, but was better known as an active trade unionist, being for many years local secretary for the miller's branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Mr. Way had been a member of the Foresters since 1893 and had been a trustee, a district chief ranger, and a chief ranger of Court 1821. He leaves a widow, daughter, and two grandsons. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the service being conducted at the graveside in Newport Cemetery by the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley. The family mourners were Messrs. R. Daw and F. Benfield (sons-in-law), Messrs. R. Daw and J. Benfield (grandsons), Messrs. W. Harbor, K. Adams, F. Way, R. Kentfield, R. Wendes, and R. Early (nephews), and Mr. F. Dyer (brother-in-law). There were 31 floral tributes including wreaths from the Foresters and the Transport and General Workers' Union. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son. – Mrs. Way and family thank all friends and neighbours for the flowers and letters of sympathy. Please accept this as the only intimation.

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