

**Florence Harriet Wray**

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**NEWPORT**

**DEATH OF MRS. E. F. WRAY**

We regret to report the death at her residence, 124 High-street, Newport, on Friday week of Mrs. Florence Harriet Wray, widow of Mr. E. F. Wray, aged 76. Mrs. Wray's native town was Witney, Oxfordshire, but she spent by far the greater part of her life in the Island, having lived here for a short time prior to her marriage, which took place some 54 years ago. The late Mr. E. F. Wray, who died in 1934, was a prominent townsman, well known both by reason of his business of jeweller and watchmaker, which is still carried on by the family, and because of his public work as member of the Town Council and of local organisations. In addition to assisting in the business, Mrs. Wray was formerly an ardent worker for the Parish Church and many local charitable causes, her help being always readily given. She was also keenly interested in the Conservative Association and was a former member the Primrose League. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, Mrs. Wray was a favourite with all who knew her, and though confined to her room almost since the outbreak of the war by a painful affliction, she remained quietly cheerful throughout. The sympathy of many friends is extended to the members of the family in their loss.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the first part of the service being in the Parish Church. Canon W. B. Hogg officiated and the service included the hymns "Abide with me" and "For all the Saints," and the 23rd Psalm, the Nunc Dimittis being chanted at the conclusion. Miss K. Lower, A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M. (organist), played selections including Bach's choral prelude "Jesu, joy of man's desiring," "I know that my Redeemer liveth" from Handel's "Messiah," and "O rest in the Lord" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah". In a tribute the Vicar said the deceased lady was an embodiment of the real Christian; one who interpreted the eternal values in a perfectly natural way through her gentle graciousness, and who, even in the midst of her suffering, exhibited the depth of her contacts with her Saviour.

The mourners were Lieut. E. R. Wray, R.N.R. (son), Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Guy, and Miss Wray (daughters), Mrs. S. K. Black (sister, who also represented her sister, Mrs. Stamp), Mr. H. F. Calcutt (brother, who also represented his brother, Mr. S. Calcutt), Mr. C. and Miss E. Guy, Miss J. Wood, and Mr. D. Guy (grandchildren), Mrs. E. R. Wray (daughter-in-law), Messrs. F. J. Wray, W. J. Bailey, and W. Gurney, and Mesdames W. Wray and J. Snellgrove, and Miss F. Bailey (nephews and nieces), and Mesdames Rice and Warsap, and Miss Lower.

Those also present included Mrs. A. Wood, Miss Ellis, Mrs. Dabell (representing Mr. C. M. Dabell) Miss K. D. Rice, Mrs. A. E. Lower, Miss Oram, Ald. A. E. Harvey, J.P., Mr. W. J. Lower, Miss Lower, Mrs. A. Dore, Mrs. A. H. Dockrill, Miss M. White (representing Mr. and Mrs. E. J. White), Mrs. A. King, Miss Scovell, Mr. D. W. Morris, Nurses Cheverton, Cooper, and Kirkup, Miss Witham, Mrs. W. B. Hogg, Mr. O. Veness, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pritchard, Mr. W. G. Bartlett, Mr. F. J. Webb, Mrs. K. Westmore, Mr. W. H. Margham, Mrs. M. C. Jolliffe, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. A. Sheaf, Mrs. E. Wood, Mrs. H. J. Davies, Mrs. R. C. Gray, Mr. G. C. Adams, Mr. A. Chiverton, Mr. G. H. Arthur, Miss R. Webb, and Mrs. B. Groves.

The interment was at the Newport Cemetery.

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