

Robert Edward Fairweather

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Ex-Prison Officer's Death.----The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. Robert Edward Fairweather, aged 72, of 2 Parkhurst Road, who died at St. Mary's Hospital on Wednesday week. Mr. Fairweather was a regular soldier in the Royal Army Medical Corps. During the 1914-18 war he saw service in France and the Middle East. At the completion of his military career in 1927, by which time he was a warrant officer, he joined the Prison Service and became a hospital officer at Parkhurst Prison. He took an active interest in the staff's social activities and was chairman of the Officers' Club for many years. He also held the office of secretary of the Rookwood Sports Club. Mr. Fairweather, who retired from the Prison Service in 1948, was a member of the British Legion and the Island branch of the R.A.M.C. Association. He was admitted to hospital a fortnight before his death. The funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Barton, was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley). The hymn "Abide with me" and the 23rd Psalm to Crimond were sung. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fairweather (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. K. Kowalczyk (son-in-law and daughter), and Mr. W. Fuller. Mrs. Fairweather (widow) was unable to attend. Interment took place at St. Paul's Cemetery, where, at the graveside, the exhortation was recited by Mr. A. E. Slawson (chairman of the Newport and Carisbrooke Branch of the British Legion). The R.A.M.C. Association was also represented. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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