

Joan Gwendoline Matthews

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OBITUARIES

A NEWPORT woman who was involved in teaching on the Island for more than 30 years – Mrs. Joan Gwendoline Matthews has died at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, aged 80.

Born in Sandown, Mrs. Matthews, of Staplers Road, was the daughter of the headmaster of Sandown CE School and was educated at Sandown Grammar School before leaving the Island to go to Furzedown Teacher Training College in London.

After teaching at schools in Cowes and Shanklin for a number of years she married in 1939 and moved to London and then Birmingham during the war.

Mrs. Matthews returned to teaching in 1947 and taught at Ryde CE Primary School for 20 years finishing there as deputy headteacher, before taking on the position of headteacher at Chillerton Primary School – a position she held until 1975.

Between 1955 and 1958 she was churchwarden at Holy Trinity Church, Ryde, where her husband, Edward, was organist. In retirement she joined the choir at St. John's Church, Newport and served on the Committee of the I.W. Musical Competition Festival.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Mr. John Matthews, the I.W. coroner, and Mr. Gerald Matthews, a chartered engineer. She also leaves two grandchildren Mrs. Joanna Attrill and Mr. Richard Matthews.

The funeral will be on Monday at St. John's Church at 11 am with the Rev. Canon Alan Brown officiating.

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