

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1954

Death Notice

**RICHARDS.** – On March 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Home Hospital, Ryde. William, of 48 Nelson Street, Ryde, aged 81.

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**MR. W. RICHARDS**  
**DIES AGED 81**  
**Former Traveller For Publishing Firm**

Formerly a traveller for the publishing firm of WARD LOCK & Co. Ltd., Mr. William RICHARDS, of 48 Nelson Street, Ryde, died at his home on Sunday at the age of 81.

Mr. RICHARDS was very active until the time of his death and in more recent years worked for RUSSELL and Co. (Southern Counties) Ltd at Southampton the well-known railway guide publishers.

Until last year Mr. RICHARDS was a lay reader at St. John's Parish Church. Shortly before his death he attended services at the Holy Trinity and Baptist Churches in Ryde.

He is survived by three daughters and two sons.

The funeral service was conducted at Ryde Baptist Church on Tuesday by the Rev. W. FANCUTT, the Minister. The mourners were Mr. L. RICHARDS (son), Mrs. A. JONES and Mrs. R. COOPER (daughters), and Mr. R. N. RICHARDS (brother). Interment was at Ryde Cemetery.

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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 1954

**Former Lay Reader's Death.** – The death occurred at a nursing home on Friday week of Mr. William RICHARDS, aged 81, of 48 Nelson Street. Born at Swindon, he opened a grocery business in his native town and afterwards became a commercial traveller for WARD, LOCK, and Co., retiring after 35 years' service. He came here about 30 years ago, and until last year was a lay reader at St. John's Church. His wife died in 1942, and he leaves two sons and three daughters. His eldest surviving son, Mr. R. L. RICHARDS, is in New York State, U.S.A. and a daughter, Mrs. J. PROUT, lives in Dundee. His eldest son, Mr. W. G. RICHARDS, died in Brazil 28 years ago.

The Rev. W. FANCUTT officiated at the funeral at the Baptist Church on Tuesday. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. RICHARDS (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. JONES and Mr. and Mrs. R. COOPER (sons-in-law and daughter), and Mr. R. N. RICHARDS (brother). The interment was at Ryde Cemetery. The wreaths included one from WARD, LOCK, and Co.

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