

Sudden Death at Ryde.

While standing at the top of Union-street, Ryde, waiting for a bus, last (Friday) evening, at about 8 o'clock, Mr. Robert Ernest CLARK, Mus.Bac., of Verwood, Church-road, Binstead, was seen to collapse. He was carried into the chemist's shop of TENISON SMITH, and received attention from Mr. E. J. LUCK, the proprietor, but passed away in a few moments. Dr. T. SIM was summoned, but could only pronounce life extinct. The deceased, who was 65, was well known in Ryde before his removal to Binstead. He was formerly organist at St. John's Church, Ryde, and leaves a wife, but no family. It is probable that the intense cold had an effect upon deceased's heart.

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Death Notice:

CLARK. - On December 9th, Robert Ernest CLARK, of "Verwood," Church Road, Binstead aged 62.

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OBITUARY.
MR. R. E. CLARK.

The intense cold acting on a weak heart is thought to be the cause of the death of a well-known local musician, Mr. Robert Ernest CLARK, of "Verwood," Church Road, Binstead, who suddenly collapsed whilst standing at the top of Union Street waiting for a bus on Friday evening. The deceased was taken into the chemist's shop at TENISON SMITH's and was attended to by the proprietor, Mr. E. J. LUCK. Dr. T. SIM was summoned, and arrived within a few minutes, but could only pronounce life extinct. Deceased was intensely fond of music, held the degree of Mus. Bac., and was a member of the Hampshire Organists' Association. He took a great interest in the I.W. Musical Festival. He was an organist at St. John's Church for many years, and was a close friend of the Rev. C. W. PEARCE, a former Vicar. During the War Mr. CLARK was organist at St. Saviour's, Shanklin. Mr. CLARK, who was aged 62, came to live in Ryde 15 years ago from Bradford, but removed to Binstead in 1928. A composer of no mean merit, the deceased gentleman founded the Madrigal Society in Bradford, and was also a church organist both in the town and in Falmouth. His happy and genial nature won him many friends who will keenly regret his passing. He leaves a widow, but no family.

The funeral took place at the Church of the Holy Cross, Binstead, on Wednesday afternoon, when the Rector (the Rev. C. Sumner STOOKS) officiated. The mourners were: The widow, Mr. John CLARK of Barnet (brother), Miss DAY of Seven Oaks (sister-in-law), and the Misses CLARK of Ryde (cousins). A number of choice floral tributes covered the grave.

Mr. E. VENUS was the undertaker.
