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## WELL-KNOWN RYDE SPORTSMAN

Mr. **Henry (Harry) HARRIS**, aged 75, died suddenly at his home, 26, Southfield Gardens, Ryde, on Wednesday week. Born at Blackboys, Sussex, he came to the Island some 46 years ago and had since resided within the borough. He was a well-known scrap metal dealer and sportsman. He became Army champion at track events in athletics while serving for about 15 years with the Royal Hussars. In the 1930s he became darts champion of the Island and later in life was on the committee of Ryde Amateur Boxing Club. In this coming week Mr. HARRIS and his wife would have celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He leaves a widow, six sons and seven daughters and there are 41 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A large congregation attended the funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Ryde, on Friday week, followed by interment at Ashey cemetery. Family mourners were Mrs. H. HARRIS (widow), Mr. and Mrs. J. HARRIS, Mr. and Mrs. G. HARRIS, Mr. and Mrs. R. HARRIS and Mr. S. HARRIS (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. J. HARRIS (son, representing Mrs. J. HARRIS, daughter-in-law), Mr. T. HARRIS (son, representing Mrs. T. HARRIS, daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. DUNNING, Mr. and Mrs. G. WILLIAMS, Mr. and Mrs. H. DYER and Mrs. A. BARTON (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. L. DUNNING (daughter, representing Mr. L. DUNNING, son-in-law), Mrs. S. D'SOUZA (daughter, representing Mr. S. D'SOUZA, son-in-law), Mrs. D. NEWNHAM (daughter, representing Mr. D. NEWNHAM, son-in-law), Mr. R. HARRIS (brother), and grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Representatives attended from Southfield gardens, Partlands Hotel, Joe's Taxis and Oakfield Inn.

Messrs. H.V. TAYLOR and Son, made the arrangements.

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