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Death Notice:-

BASSHAM .. On Jan. 26th, **Herbert BASSHAM**, of Elm Bank, Marlborough Road, Ryde, aged 83.

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THE LATE MR. H. H. BASSHAM OF RYDE

(Retired railwayman and bowls player)

The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday of Mr. **Herbert H. BASSHAM**, of Elmbank, Marlborough Road, Ryde, aged 83, a retired railway employee and former licensee of the Strand Hotel. Mr. BASSHAM, who with his wife celebrated his diamond wedding anniversary two years ago, had been in poor health for some time and was taken to hospital three weeks ago. A native of Doncaster, he started his railway career in his home town as a storekeeper and came to the Island in 1905. He was manager of the refreshment buffet at Newport in the time of the I.W. Central Railway and completed 38 years with the railways before retiring in 1923 when the company amalgamated with the Southern Railway. For the following seven years he was licensee of the Strand Hotel, better known as "The Flat Iron" since his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. BASSHAM have lived in the Elmfield district, and during the last war he was among the first to volunteer as an air raid warden. He was a well-known and popular player in Island bowling circles, as a former member of the Newport club and latterly at Ryde, where he was one of the oldest members and at one time captain of their B team. A keen and versatile sportsman, he played football, boxed, and was a good shot in his young days. An enthusiastic gardener, he was a successful exhibitor at the Ryde borough garden shows. Mr. BASSHAM was an accomplished musician, capable of playing any brass or wind instrument, he helped to form the Doncaster brass band and was for many years a member of the former Newport Town Band. He also played in string orchestras. He was also a member of the Osborne Lodge of Freemasons.

The funeral took place on Thursday, when a service at the Ryde Congregational Church was conducted by the Minister (the Rev. G.J. NELSON). The principal mourners were Mrs. F.E. BASSHAM (widow), Mr. C. BASSHAM and Mr. A. BASSHAM (sons), Mr. and Mrs. V. HERITAGE (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. K. HERITAGE and Mr. K. BASSHAM (grandsons), Mr. and Mrs. J. AITCHISON, and Mrs. TWISSLE and Mr. and Mrs. J. LEWIS. Representatives of Ryde Rowing Club were also present. The interment was at Ryde cemetery. Messrs. J. WHEELER and Sons made the arrangements.

Marilyn Newsham