

James George Duffett

Death:

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Death of Mr. J. G. Duffett, of Ryde

With very much regret we record the death of Mr. James George Duffett, of Beancote, Wood-street, Ryde, which took place at his son's residence, 76 George-street, Ryde on Wednesday.

Mr. Duffett, who had celebrated his 69th birthday three days previously, never recovered from the shock of his second wife's death in 1932; he had been in failing health ever since. By his passing Ryde loses one of its most estimable and popular townsmen, one who will be greatly missed. Mr. Duffett carried on a corn and seed business in the High-street until 1909, when he took over the Lion Brewery on the death of his father, Mr. James Garland Duffett. Retiring from the business in 1921 he went to reside at Beanacre, Ashe, and while there his daughter passed away. Three years ago he took up his residence in Wood-street and shortly afterwards was to suffer the heavy blow of his second wife's death, his first wife having died in 1897.

In the early days he was a member of the Hants Yeomanry. Although he never entered public life, he actively supported many local organizations. A strong supporter of the Conservative cause, he was a vice-president of the branch of the Conservative Club. For many years, until ill-health compelled him to resign recently, he was hon. Treasurer of the Ryde royal Regatta Committee and was also actively associated with the Carnival Association, the Ryde rowing Club, the Ashe Sports Club, and the Haylands and Swanmore Horticultural Society. He had an attractive personality and was endowed with powers of understanding and sympathy. He gave very liberally to every charitable cause and his generosity was dispensed quietly in many other ways, especially among the poor and needy, whom he numbered amongst his friends. Great sympathy will be felt with his son and other relatives. One of his oldest friends, the late Mr. Rowland Russell, passed away less than a fortnight before he did.

The funeral took place yesterday (Friday), the first part of the service being at the Parish Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. W.N. Martin) officiated. The chief mourners were Mr. Leslie Duffett (son), Mr. H.G. Duffett, of Brading (step-brother), the Misses Betty, Nora and Mary, and Mr. John Russell (grandchildren), Mr. W. Russell (son-in-law), Mrs. Russell, Mr. Tim Godwin of Gosport (nephew), Mrs. T. Godwin, Mr. J. Exton, of Fareham, and Mr. W. Smith, of Bembridge (brothers in law), Mr. J. Hallett, of Guildford, Mr. G. Lake, of Havenstreet, Mr. W. Morris, and Mr. H. Morris (cousins), Mr. R.W.G. Russell, Mr. W. Shackle (London), Mr. A. and Mrs. A. Archer (London), Miss G. Williams, and Mr. A.J. Pocock (Cowes). Among those present were the Mayor and Mayoress (Major and Mrs Dennis), Sir Henry Sweetman, J.P. (chairman of the I.W. Conservative Association and president of the Ryde branch), Ald. A.F. Wright, Ald. A.W. Hill, Lt.-Col. C.L. Ellery, Messrs. H.P. Chiverton, T.C.F.A. Saunders, T.C., S.R. Bird, T.C., Dr. E.L.S. Horsburgh, Messrs. C. Russell, C. Warne, A.E. Smith, T.C., S. Boocock (hon. secretary), A.J. Read (hon. treasurer), and Miss Carley (the Royal Regatta Committee); Ald. A. Andrews, J.P., and Messrs. W. Dewdney (secretary), J. R. Scott, H. Grinham, E.J. Salter, J.H. down, A.F. Hanson, and E.F. Brown (Ryde Conservative Club); Messrs. A.T. Hodges and F.S. Whittington (hon. secretary, Haylands Horticultural Society); G. Plumbley (Ashe Cricket Club); Major A.J. Lewer (Ryde Carnival Association); H. Plumbley (Kemp Hill Farm); J.G. Fardell, C. Langdon, F. W. C. Harvey, H.J. Adams, M.J. Osborne, Eustace Crabb, J.J. Ryder, T.C., W.M., and J.L. Greenham (the Chine Lodge of Freemasons); J.H.B. Wilshin (Ryde Rowing Club and Junior League); D.G. Timms, O.J. Feben, J. Biggs, H.E. turtle, D. Wheeler, C. Jackson, F. White, A. Young, R. Wearn, G.C. Stainer, K. Souter, L.C. Young, A.J. Dimmick, O.H. Smith (Nunwell), J.B. Rayment, S. Attwood, A.E. Batt, A. Newbury, W. Brooker (Missions to Seamen), A.E. Ward, C.A. Locke, J.B. Coombes, C.H. Gibson, H.C. Avery, George Russell (Little Whitefield), F. Pleminger, E. Wiltshire, E. Ratcliffe, and A.E. ward, Miss Small (West Ashe), Mr. and Mrs C. Russell (Smallbrook Farm), Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sutton, Mrs. J. L. Greenham (representing Mrs. Browne-Hiscock and Mrs. A. Hiscock, Cirencester), Mr. and Mrs. H. Barton (Langbridge), Mrs. W.

Brooker, Mr. and Mrs. F. Halsted, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Burke and Mr Gordon Burke (Cowes), Mrs. Arthur Cole, Miss Loader, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kemp, and Mrs Whitfield (representing her husband, Mr. C. Whitfield).

The internment was at the cemetery, and the grave was covered in floral tributes from the following: Leslie and Mary¹; Little Jimmy²; Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Smith³ and family (Bembridge); Emily and Ralph (London); mother and girls; Harry⁴, Evelyn, and Barbara; Mrs. J. Johncox; Hilda and Gordon (Westcliff); C. and F. Forer; Ethel, Walter⁵, and grandchildren (93 High-street); George and Nancy (Havenstreet); Mr. and Mrs. Hector Forer; Louise, Joe, Dorothy, Sall and Nell; E.C. Loader; Mr and Mrs A.J. Dimmick; R.O. Grace and family (Brighstone); officers and members of the Ryde Rowing Club; William and George (Pan Farm); Charlie, Dot and Tim; Anutie Nellie and Arthur; Braddy, Joe, and family; Fred Harvey; Harry and Ada (Highbridge Farm, Eastleigh); Nora, Roy and Rowland; Brothers of Clarnece Lodge, R.A.O.B.; Wallie and Charlotte; Ryde Royal Regatta Committee; Kathleen and Arthur Salmon; Mr. and Mrs. Hanson; Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Dewsbury (Sidcup); members of the Asheby Cricket Club; members of the Ryde Conservative Club; Mr. and Mrs. George Russell; Haylands Horticultural Society; Mrs. G. Bennett; Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey; Mrs. Brooks (Well-street); Joy M. Parsons; Capt. And Mrs. Arthur E. Batt; Chad Locke; M. and Mrs. E. J. Salter; the Services Club, St. Helens; John H. Johncox; Ryde branch of the I.W. conservative and Unionist Association; Arthur Phillips; C.L. Dutton; M. and Mrs. D.G. Timms (Star-street); Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. West and Kathleen; Louise; E. Greenfields; Mr. and Mrs. G. Sutton and family; Sally and Wellesley; Mr and Mrs. A. J. Pocock and Mrs. And Miss Williams; Mrs. Arthur Cole; Ryde Carnival Committee; all at Venetia, Cowes. Messrs. Purnell and Purnell were the undertakers.

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¹ His son, Leslie Duffett

² His grandson, Jimmy Duffett

³ His sister Annie Louise and husband William Smith

⁴ His brother Harry Garland Duffett

⁵ Walter was his daughter Marie's husband