

THE LATE MRS. J. A. **WEST** –

The funeral took place on Tuesday of Mrs. **Mary WEST**, of Tresco, Westwood-road, who died in hospital at Ravenscourt Park, London, W.6., on Thursday week. A native of Whitley Bay, Northumberland, she first joined the Civil service, and, during the last war, was a chief petty officer in the W.R.E.N.S., being stationed at Cowes and Yarmouth at the time of the D-Day landings in Normandy. In 1953 she returned to the Island with her husband and son John, living at Westwood-road, and taught in Island schools. The Rev. D. M. DOBELL (minister) officiated at the funeral service at the Methodist Church and paid tribute to Mrs. WEST's courage. Mr. H. L. BRADING, J.P. (organist) accompanied the singing of "The Lord's my Shepherd" and "O grant us light." Mr. J. C. WEST (son) read the lesson. Other mourners were Mr. J. A. WEST (husband), Mr. W. MOORE (brother), Mr. and Mrs. G. ELLIS and Mr. and Mrs. W. HEDLEY (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr. and Mrs. M. JACOBS, Mr. and Mrs. G. BUNCE and Mr. and Mrs. K. SAUNDERS. The congregation included many representatives of the church and Island school teachers. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery. Floral tributes included those from relatives in Northumberland who had been unable to attend the funeral, the principal and vice-principal and staff of the Technical College, Newport and the staff and pupils of East Cowes County Primary School. Apart from floral tributes neighbours in Westwood-road sent a donation to Cancer Research. Messrs. H. V. TAYLOR and Son made the arrangements.

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