

Death Notice:-

**STROUD:** Nov. 7, at 19 Cross-Street, Ryde, **Edward George**, the dearly beloved husband of S.J. STROUD, aged 70. Mrs. STROUD and family wish to return thanks to all friends for kind enquires and sympathy.

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### **THE LATE COUNCILLOR STROUD** **Impressive Funeral At Ryde**

Much regret was expressed at the announcement of the death, which was not expected of Mr. **E.G. STROUD**, councillor for the West Ward who passed away on Saturday morning, aged 70. The deceased carried on business as a grocer and provision merchant in Cross-Street and had been identified with local public affairs for many years. Unfortunately Mr. STROUD, who was the senior member of the Corporation had not been able to attend any of the meetings for a considerable time owing to his painful illness, but he kept fully conversant with all that went on and followed the proceedings of the town with keen interest almost to the last. Kindly reference was made to the loss at the Council meeting on Monday and a resolution of sympathy with the widow and family unanimously passed.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the interment at the Cemetery being preceded by a service at Holy Trinity Church which was attended by the Mayor and several members of the Council. The Mayor was attended by the Mace Bearer (Mr. E. SOUTHCOTT) bearing the Corporation mace draped in crepe, the Corporation being represented by Alderman H. SWEETMAN, J.P., Councillors C.J. DE LAUNAY, W. DORE, E.J. WHEELER, W. HOPGOOD, W.R.. TAYLOR, J.P., and A.J. WILLIAMS, with the Deputy Town Clerk, (Mr. C.H. COLLIS), Mr. F.W. MUNT (Borough Auditor), Mr. J. ELDRIDGE (Sanitary Inspector), and Mr. J. WHITE (Water Inspector).

The chief mourners were Mrs. E.G. STROUD (widow), Miss STROUD and Miss W.K. STROUD (daughters), Mr. H. CORKE (nephew), Miss OSMOND (sister-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. H. COOKE (cousins).

The East Medina Lodge of Freemasons, of which deceased was a member, was represented by Messrs. H.J. OSBORNE, \*O. FEBEN, M.J. OSBORNE, P. COOMBES, A.E. COOMBES, L. JOYCE, Dr. L.\* PRESTON, W.H. LONG, J. BAILEY, A. PAGE, H.J. DOWN, and C. LANGDON, several of whom carried sprigs of acacia. Among others at the church were the Mayoress (Mrs. THIRKELL), Messrs. A. HOLMES, J.P., W.G. DAISH, J.P., W.H. PORTER, A. LOCKE, A. WOODS, E.C. GOBLE, SLINN, S. FOWLER, J.P., H.C. BATCHELOR, WATT, H.G. JOLLIFFE, G.H.V. BONNER, G. ADAMS, H.J. HALSTED, W.H. JACKSON, and others. The Rev. Norman GRAY and the Rev. Cyril BLAKE (St. John's), officiated the latter representing the Freemasons.

Floral tributes were sent by the Mayor and the Corporation, the Masonic Brethren of 175 East Medina Lodge, the Churchwardens and Sidesmen of Holy Trinity Church (the deceased being a former churchwarden), Harry and Annie, Hettie, Mammie and Fred Gertie and Wilson (Wisbech), all at Valkyrie, Westcliff-on-Sea, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. OATES, Gwen and Reg, (Westcliffe), Miss BUTLER, Miss WATSON, the Misses COOMBES, Mrs. BOWMER, Mr. A.J. PURNELL, Mrs. DRISCOLL and all at 83 Monkton-Street, Dr. and Mrs. And the Misses PRESTON, Mr. and Mrs. A. MATTHEWS, Mr. C. LAMBRICK.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL.

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