

MARRIAGE: 1884 Register Office, Nonconformist or RC Church (IW Registrars ref: RO30/78)
George Edward MEARS & **Alice Mary KING**

1891 CENSUS: RG12/890. folio 71. page 5.
Address: 143 High-street, Ryde, IW.

George E. MEARS. Head. M. 30. Baker and Confectioner. Ryde, IW.
Alice M. MEARS. Wife. M. 31. Ryde, IW.
Arthur G. MEARS. Son. 6. Ryde, IW.
Mabel M. MEARS. Dau. 2. Ryde, IW.
Ellen M. KING. Sister-in-law. S. 35. Shop Woman. Ventnor, IW.

1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY of the Isle of Wight - pages 279 & 320
MEARS George, confectioner, 5 St. Thomas's-square, Ryde, IW.

1927 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 730
MEARS George, Inglewood, Dover-street, Ryde, IW.

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MRS. G.E. MEARS
A Former Mayoress of the Borough

It is with deep regret that we announce the death, which took place on Tuesday, of Mrs. **Alice Mary MEARS**, the wife of Mr. G.E. MEARS, of Inglewood, Dover-Street, an Alderman of the County Council and former Mayor and Alderman of Ryde Borough.

Mrs. MEARS, who was 74, was by a sad coincidence, taken ill with a stroke on the same day as the late Mrs. SWEETMAN. She was removed to the Beachcroft Nursing Home, where she passed away just over a fortnight afterwards. Her life was characterised by unselfish devotion to her family and to all with whom she came into contact.

During her husbands period of office as Mayor in 1907-08 she fulfilled the duties of Mayoress with unflinching courtesy and charm. Apart from that year she took little active part in public life. She always took a keen interest in the Congregational Church where in earlier years, she was a Sunday School teacher, and she founded the Mothers' Meeting at Haylands Congregational Church, of which her husband was Sunday School superintendent.

Mr. MEARS was a member of the Ryde Town Council for over 40 years, and 26 years an Alderman. He has served on the County Council over 20 years, has been a Borough magistrate for a similar period, and has been associated with educational work for over 40 years, both in connection with the old Ryde School Board and the Ryde Education Committee, and the County Education Committee, of which he was chairman.

Only as recent as January 29, Mr. and Mrs. MEARS celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. In addition to her husband, Mrs. MEARS leaves a son and daughter and four grandsons.

The funeral will take place tomorrow (Friday) at the Congregational Church at 3.p.m. The Rev. PALMER LEWIS, a former minister of the church will officiate.
