

BAPTISM: 9th Sept 1906 at All Saints' Church
Petronella Ursula PARNALL
daughter of Frederick Henry & Herrietta Marie PARNALL
fathers occupation: Hotel Keeper

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 16th Dec 1954

Death Notice:-

WALKER .. On December 12th at Ryde Nursing Home, **Petronella Ursula**, beloved wife of Frank WALKER, aged 50, after a long illness borne with great fortitude---Service All Saints' Church Thursday 2 o'clock.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. WALKER

The funeral took place on Thursday of Mrs. **Petronella Ursula WALKER**, aged 50, who died at the Ryde Nursing Home the previous Sunday. For many years she was a partner with her husband, Mr. Frank WALKER, in the Royal Squadron Hotel at Union-street. Mrs. WALKER was particularly well known in Ryde, and was a former member of the Sandown-Shanklin Golf Club and the Sandown Lawn Tennis Club. She was also an accomplished badminton player, and belonged to the I.W. Philatelic Society.

The funeral at All Saints' Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. BASSETT. The principal mourners were Mr. Frank WALKER, widower; Mr. and Mrs. G. PARNELL and Mr. and Mrs. Eric LIDWELL, brothers-in-law and sisters; Mrs. B. COULAN, cousin; Mr. M. LIDWELL, nephew; Mr. WADHAM and Mrs. WISE.

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Retur Thanks:-

WALKER .. Mr. F. WALKER, 70 Union-street, Ryde, wishes to thank all those who attended the funeral service of the late Mrs. P. U. WALKER, thus by so doing sharing the respect for her passing.

For interest:

In 1911, Marie PARNALL was in business at the King Lud Hotel, Pier-street, Ryde, with her were 3 children including Petronella (Frank's future wife).

According to the 1935 Kelly's Directory, The Royal Squadron Hotel was listed under the name of Mrs. M. H. PARNALL.

Frank's wife Petronella, was related to the well-known actress Dolly PARNALL, the following appeared in the IW Observer:-

Nov 27th 1909: ACTRESS - Miss Dolly PARNELL, cousin of Mr. PARNELL, the genial proprietor of the King Lud Hotel, was married on Tuesday to His Highness Prince Nasir Ali KHAN, an Indian Prince living in this country. Miss PARNELL is an actress and a charming one and whilst staying with Mr. and Mrs. PARNELL she became acquainted with many Ryde people. Prince KHAN's wedding gift to the bride was jewellery to the value of £20,000.

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