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Abode: Belmont, Station-road, Sandown, IW.

Henry ATTRILL. Head. M. 50. Builder (employer). Sandown, IW.

Caroline ATTRILL. Wife. M. 50. Yarmouth, IW.

Annie ATTRILL. Dau. S. 26. Dressmaker (own account). Sandown, IW.

Lilly ATTRILL. Dau. S. 17. Book keeper. Sandown, IW.

George ATTRILL. Son. 14. Sandown, IW.

**William BAKER. Nephew. 11. Cowes, IW.**

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### MR. W. J. BAKER

A man who saw bitter aerial fighting during the First World War and won a mention in despatches, Mr. **William James BAKER**, of 30 Colenutts-road, died at his home on June 13, aged 80. Born in Cowes, Mr. BAKER was orphaned at the age of four and brought up by an aunt and uncle at Sandown, where he was apprenticed as a monumental mason in his uncles's business. He was a sergeant observer in airships at the outbreak of the 1914-18 war, and took part in a Christmas Day raid on Bruges. Later he transferred to the Royal Air Force as a gunner in old Handley Page aircraft—for which no parachutes were issued, earning servicemen aboard them the title "The Suicide Club". Mr. BAKER served for a year in Egypt after the war, then left the service and worked for Messrs. ELLERY's, monumental masons, at Ryde. He retired only last year as a result of failing health. Mr. BAKER had been a member of the Oddfellows. He leaves a widow but no children. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Ryde, Canon Ronald GRANGER, at Ryde Cemetery last Wednesday. Principal mourners were Mrs. V. BAKER, widow; Mr. and Mrs. E. ATTRILL and Mr. L. ATTRILL, brothers-in-law and sister-in-law. Messrs. WHEELER Bros. made the arrangements.

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