

THE LATE MRS. J. WELLS

The funeral took place on Wednesday of Mrs. **Jean Lilian WELLS**, aged 48, of 11 Rink-road, Ryde, who died at Southampton General Hospital on Thursday week. She was a member of one of Ryde's oldest families, the LININGTON's, who can trace their history back to the 18th century, when Ryde consisted of a cluster of cottages near the shore. It was in one of these surviving cottages that Mrs. WELLS spent much of her early life. Since 1966 she has worked as a full time clerk at the Ryde office of The News, Portsmouth, having previously been in the employ of Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers Limited on a part-time basis. She leaves her husband, Mr. John WELLS, and a son, David, who were the chief mourners at the funeral at Ryde Parish Church. The Rev. D. J. TURNER, vicar, officiated. The management of Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers were represented, and many of Mrs. WELLS' colleagues attended. Interment was in the family grave at Ryde Cemetery. Messrs. H. V. TAYLOR and Son made the arrangements.

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