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Abode: 29 Swanmore-road, Ryde, IW.

William MORRIS. Head. M. 35. Blacksmith. Ryde, IW.

Emma MORRIS. Wife. M. 40. Lymington, Hants.

Alice E.MORRIS. Dau. 11. Ryde, IW.

Edith M.MORRIS. Dau. 6. Ryde, IW.

George W.MORRIS. Son. 3. Ryde, IW.

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DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM MORRIS –

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. William MORRIS, at 29 Swanmore-road, on Thursday. The deceased, who was 64, passed away after having been in failing health for two or three years. He was well known in the town and was one whom to know was to esteem and respect. He had many excellent qualities, but none more outstanding than a willingness to do some kindly action for his fellows, whether in the realm of sport or in any other sphere of life. In all such matters he was most loyal and conscientious, giving of his best with modesty and with no desire for thanks or reward. This attitude and his never-failing courtesy, his gentle manner and his genial disposition won for him a host of friends, who had a genuine affection for him. He was a keen and a fine type of sportsman, and his long association with the Football Club, to which he rendered conspicuous service, is writ large in the history of the game locally and will always be gratefully remembered. Ever since the pastime was adopted in the town Mr. MORRIS was foremost in its management and support, and when in 1908 the old club abandoned professionalism and there was every indication that the town would cease to have a Soccer club, Mr MORRIS was indefatigable in his efforts to form a new club on amateur lines, and so successful were his efforts that the Hants senior cup was won in the first year of the new club's existence. For many years he took charge of the club's finances and until his death his interest was as keen as ever. Quite recently to mark his valuable services, Mr. MORRIS was made a life member of the club, and it was appropriate that the distinction of being the first life member on the club's register should have fallen to one who so richly deserved the honour. For many years Mr. MORRIS served on the Council of the I.W. Football Association and his wise advice, mellowed by a long experience of football management and administration, was always welcomed as valuable contribution in debate. By his passing the Foresters have lost a valued and greatly esteemed member. Mr. MORRIS joined Court Astræa as a juvenile. He was a past chief ranger and had served in the honourable position of chief ranger of the South-Western District. On the district committee he rendered yeoman service and for many years until a few months ago, he occupied most satisfactorily the post of treasurer to the court. He was an esteemed member of the East Medina Lodge of Freemasons. Until ill-health compelled him to retire, Mr. MORRIS carried on business

as a farrier in Upton-road, to which he succeeded on the death of his father. He was chairman of the I.W. Fanciers' Association. With the widow, two sons, and two daughters the deepest sympathy is felt. The funeral will take place on Monday at the Wesleyan Church.
