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Death Announcement –

**SMITH** .. On January 9<sup>th</sup> at Seaward, George-street, Ryde, **Percy SMITH**, aged 54.

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### **DEATH OF MR. P. SMITH**

The death occurred at his home, Seaward, George-street, on Sunday, after ten months serious illness, of Mr. **Percy SMITH**, aged 54. A native of Peckham, he had lived in London until coming here in 1947, and had since been a hotelier, although impaired health prevented him from taking an active part in the town activities. About two years ago Mr. SMITH suffered a great blow in the death of his second daughter, Mrs. Clarice HORWOOD. The Rev. Cledwyn WOOD officiated at the funeral at the Methodist Church on Wednesday. The mourners were Mrs. P. SMITH (widow), Mr. and Mrs. P. HUDSON, Mr. and Mrs. M. HUDSON and Mr. and Mrs. V. BOYNTON (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. C. DAWKINS (brother-in-law and sister), Miss D. SMITH, Mrs. I. BARTON, and Mrs. L. COX (sisters), Mr. C. SMITH (brother), Mrs. V. SAYER (niece), Mr. and Mrs. J. WITT, and Mrs. HOWELL (brother-in-law and sisters-in-law), and Mr. W. BONNICK. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery. There were over 30 wreaths, including a tribute from regular customers at the Seaward Hotel, who were also represented at the service. –Mrs. P. SMITH and family thank all friends for kind messages of sympathy and beautiful flowers. Will they please accept this as the only intimation.

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