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Death Announcement –

WHITE .. June 16th at 6 Prince-street, Ryde, **Robert James WHITE**, aged 63 – Mr. R. WHITE and Mrs. WHITE wish to thank all kind friends for sympathy shown, also for beautiful floral tributes.

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FIREMAN'S FUNERAL

Much impressiveness marked the funeral in Ryde on Monday of Mr. **Robert WHITE**, formerly second officer of the Fire Brigade and a much respected member of the Clarence Lodge, R.A.O.B. the members of which were present wearing sprigs of ivy. "Bob" WHITE as he was familiarly called is mourned by a large number of friends amongst whom he was very popular. He was a widower, 65 years of age, and for many years was in the employ of Messrs. WOODS, ironmongers, Cross-street. The Fire Brigade under Chief Officer JOLLIFFE, in uniform, took part with the Buffs in the procession from the deceased's late residence in Prince-street to All Saints, six of them acting as bearers. The mourners included his son and personal friends, the Clarence Lodge being represented by the following: Bro. W. H. CARLEY. R.O.H., Master of Ceremonies, Bros. ORCHARD, FRAY, MUNDELL, THEARLE, and H. WHITE, C.P.S., E. WHITE, K.O.M., F. WHITE, K.O.M., P.P.G.P., W. STAMP, K.O.M., T. MUNDELL, K.O.M., J. WHITE, J. ROWE, G. BURN, A. NEWMAN, G. HOGG, C.P.S., F. MANSBRIDGE, and E. RICHARDS. The service in the church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. le FLEMING), and the well-known hymn, "Rock of Ages," was sung. The friends then followed the remains to their last resting place where the committal portion of the service was carried out by the Vicar and before the benediction was pronounced Bro. W. H. CARLEY R.O.H. read the beautiful ritual of the R.A.O.B. which was clearly delivered and deeply expressive and as the brethren filed past the grave each deposited a sprig of Ivy on the coffin as their final memento. Wreaths were sent by the Fire Brigade, Clarence Lodge and other friends.

NB: It was noted, that his age of 65 at death was written in the newspaper, but all other records stated it was 63 years.

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