

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1952

Death Notice :

**BIRTWHISTLE.** - On April 8<sup>th</sup>, at Ryde House, Spencer Road, Ryde, Robert Leofric BIRTWHISTLE, aged 69.

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OBITUARY

**MR. R. L. BIRTWHISTLE**

The funeral took place on Thursday of **Mr. Robert Leofric BIRTWHISTLE**, whose death occurred the previous Tuesday at Ryde House, Spencer Road, Ryde. He was 69 and had been living at the home of his sisters, the Misses D. and I. BIRTWHISTLE, principals of Sloane Street School.

Only son of the late Rev. Robert BIRTWHISTLE, of Withycombe, Somerset, he was educated at Clifton and was commissioned in the Honorable Artillery Company, serving in Egypt and Palestine during the first world war. For 20 years he and his wife, who survives him, were joint proprietors of Te-Whare Hotel, Horsham, Sussex, afterwards moving to Hurstmonceux, where they conducted a café business. The retired three years ago and come to the Island 18 months ago.

The Rev. P.L. VAUGHAN officiated at the funeral service at the Church of the Holy Cross, Binstead. The mourners were Mrs. BIRTWHISTLE, the Misses BIRTWHISTLE (sisters) and Mr. Cyril BIRTWHISTLE (cousin). The interment was in the cemetery.

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