

NORTHWOOD

Death of a Nonagenarian.- The Island lost one of its oldest inhabitants on Thursday week by the death of Mrs. **Eliza BRETT**, who passed away quite unexpectedly at the Northwood Stores where she resided with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. RICE (her son-in-law and daughter). The deceased, who celebrated her 97th birthday in March, was a remarkably preserved woman for her great age, and did not suffer any of the disabilities associated with advancing years. She spent the day on which she died downstairs and was suddenly taken ill after she had retired. The widow of Mr. James BRETT, of Ryde, who died 45 years ago, she leaves two daughters, having outlived her only son and another daughter.

The funeral was at Ryde on Monday, a service being held in All Saints' Church. The mourners were Mrs. M. BEERE and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. RICE (daughters and son-in-law), Mrs. F. Weston, and the Misses L. and D. BEERE and I. IBBETSON (grandchildren), and Mr. W. IBBETSON (son-in-law). There were numerous floral tributes.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. D. W. THOMAS, of Union-road, Cowes.
