

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 28th November, 1942

Death of Mr. P. N. COLLINS. – The death took place suddenly on Tuesday of Mr. **Percy Neil COLLINS**, of 76 Church-street, aged 58. He had returned to his employment on Monday after six weeks' illness. In the evening he visited the Paxton Club, of which he had been hon. secretary since the war and, after winning a game of billiards, sat watching another game when he suddenly collapsed and passed away.

Mr. COLLINS joined the Fire Brigade as a volunteer in the year before the war and has since given service as a part-time member of the N.F.S. For over 40 years he had been engaged in the cycle trade, first in the employ of Mr. SAPSWORTH and later with Messrs. J. R. GRACE and Son. By all with whom he came into contact he was held in the highest regard. Deep sympathy is felt with his widow and daughter.

The funeral will take place this (Saturday) morning in St. Michael's Church.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 5th December 1942

The Funeral – of Mr. **Percy Neil COLLINS**, of 76 Church-street, Swanmore, whose lamented sudden death was recorded last week, took place on Saturday, the first part of the service being held in St. Michael's Church. The Rev. A. C. DURHAM officiated, assisted by Mr. E. W. H. THIRKELL, who read the lesson. The Vicar accompanied the singing of the hymns "Jesu, Lover of my soul," and "Rock of ages." Members of the local section of the N.F.S., under Column Officer Max HELLER, headed the cortege, formed a guard of honour at the church, and provided a bearer party. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack. The mourners were Mrs. COLLINS (widow), Miss M. COLLINS (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. C. HENWOOD (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. T. TUTTON (father-in-law), Mr. N. MILLER, Mr. J. R. GRACE (employer), and Messrs. C. EAMES A. MOREY, and H.E. MOREY (the Paxton Club). Among others present were Messrs. L.J. WAIT, G. BARTON, J. HEAD, and L. BUSHELL, Mr. and Mrs. C. SPURGEON, Mrs. MULLIN, and Mr. and Mrs. BUCKETT.

The interment was in Asheys Cemetery and the floral tributes included those from the section of the N.F.S.; Divisional Officer D. DINSIN, N.F.S.; Messrs. J. R. GRACE and Company; the Paxton Club; and Mrs. Berkeley LOWE (niece of the late Mrs. PAXTON).

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