

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 25th August 1951

A Former Verger's Death. - The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Tuesday of Mr. **Frederick Clarence DONNO**, aged 64, of Evelyn, Marlborough Road, who for several years was verger of St. John's Church, Oakfield during the vicariate of the Rev. E. T. H. ROYDS. He was a native of London, and served in the Royal Navy for 30 years, attaining the rank of chief yeoman of signals. He retired in 1927 but was recalled on the outbreak of the second world war. He was a member of the Medina Lodge of Freemasons and the Asher Barfield Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and was also a founder of the White Ensign Lodge at Gillingham, Kent. He belonged to the Island branch of the Royal Naval Association. He leaves a widow and son.

The funeral service takes place this morning at 10 o'clock at St. John's Church.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 1st September 1951

Former Verger's Funeral. - The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. **Frederick Clarence DONNO**, of Evelyn, Marlborough Road. The burial office was preceded by a requiem at St. John's Church, where Mr. DONNO was formerly verger. The Vicar (the Rev. A. J. PEARMAN) officiated. Mr. R. H. TOOGOOD (organist) accompanied "Eternal Father, strong to save" and "Jesus lives." The mourners were Mrs. DONNO (widow) Mr. G. F. DONNO (son), Mr. A. DONNO (brother), Mr. and Mrs. E. WHITEHORN (brother-in-law and sister, also representing Miss L. DONNO, sister), Mr. G. BARNETT (brother-in-law, also representing Mrs. M. BARNETT, mother-in-law), Miss O. L. BARNETT, Mr. F. ROBSON (also representing Mrs. C. MATTHEWS) and Mr. H. R. CRANG (churchwarden). The congregation also included representatives of the Medina Lodge of Freemasons, the Asher Barfield Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Island branch of the Royal Naval Association.

The interment was at Binstead Cemetery and the wreaths included those from the Medina Lodge; the Asher Barfield Chapter; the R.N.A.; and the local branch of the A.E.U.

Mrs. DONNO and Mr. G. DONNO thank the doctors, matrons, and staffs of the Royal I.W. County Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital, for their kind attention during Mr. DONNO's illness. They also thank the many kind friends for their letters of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes.

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