

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 1st February 1958

**FORMER MAYORESS OF RYDE
THE LATE MRS. E. B. ELLERY**

The death occurred early yesterday morning of Mrs. **Elsie Benham ELLERY**, of 64 West Street, Ryde, widow of Lt.-Col. C. L. ELLERY, who was mayor of Ryde in 1945-6, and who died two years ago. Mrs. ELLERY, who was in her 70th year, was the eldest daughter of the late Ald. J. Benham PURNELL, mayor of Ryde in 1928. She married her cousin in 1912, and shared with him his great love of Ryde, ably supporting him in his long years of outstanding public service. As mayor, and mayoress they were presented to KING GEORGE VI and QUEEN ELIZABETH during the royal visit to Winchester in May, 1946. Their home in West Street was totally demolished during the enemy air raid in February 1943, Mrs. ELLERY is survived by three daughters.

The funeral service will take place at All Saints' Parish Church on Tuesday at noon, followed by cremation at Southampton.

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**FUNERAL OF FORMER
MAYORESS OF RYDE**

The funeral of Mrs. **Elsie Benham ELLERY**, widow of Lieut.-Col. C. L. ELLERY, who was mayor of Ryde in 1945-6, took place at All Saints' Parish Church, Ryde, on Tuesday. The Vicar (the Rev. R. H. BASSETT) conducted the service, and Mr. W. L. REED (organist) accompanied the singing of the hymn "The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended," and played "O rest in the Lord" (MENDELSSOHN) as the cortege left the church. The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. T. GOODWIN (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. M. J. HORSFORD (daughter), Mrs. S. CORNISH (daughter, also representing the Rev. S. CORNISH, son-in-law), Mrs. E. PEACH (grand-daughter, also representing Mr. PEACH and Messrs. R. GOODWIN and D. ADHIMAR, grandchildren), Mr. and Mrs. D. PURNELL (brother and sister-in-law, also representing Mr. G. PURNELL, brother), Mr. and Mrs. T. D. JAMES and Mrs. H. ALDRED (brother-in-law and sisters), Mrs. C. OSBORNE (sister-in-law), Miss G. CHIVERTON (aunt), and Mr. A. HORSFORD. Messrs. T. and J. ELLERY's staff were represented by Messrs. W. BAKER, W. STACEY, D. WILLIAMS and R. WARREN. The Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. H. ROGERS) and the Deputy Mayor (Mr. W. RAMAGE) attended, and other councillors present were Ald. A. F. WRIGHT, Ald. H. P. CHIVERTON and Ald. G. J. EVANS, with the town clerk (Mr. E. S. SHEPPARD), Two Former Mayoresses, Mrs. E. M. WEEKS, J.P., and Mrs. G. J. EVANS, also attended. The Ryde Conservative Association, branch Conservative Club, British Legion (branch and women's section), Golf Club, and Bellevue Players were represented. Cremation took place at Southampton.

Messrs. C. LANGDON made the arrangements.

Due to a misunderstanding, it was incorrectly stated last week that Mrs. ELLERY married her cousin.
