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**DEATH OF MR. J. H. HUNT, OF EAST COWES  
WELL KNOWN FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATOR**

Hampshire and Island football circles lost a well-known figure, who had been prominently connected with the sport for over 55 years, by the death yesterday of **Mr. James Henry HUNT**, of Camelia, York Avenue, East Cowes, at the age of 75. He died in the Frank James Hospital, where he had been a patient for four days following a heart attack.

Mr. HUNT commenced his working life as a boilermaker in the employ of Messrs. J. S. WHITE and Company and subsequently became the licensee of the Trinity Arms for 15 years. For the last 30 years he had run tennis courts and a billiards saloon and also a youth hostel. Mr. HUNT played football for East Cowes Victorias and was captain of the team when they won the I.W. Challenge Cup for three years running and also the Island League during two of those seasons. After his playing days were over, he took up refereeing and he was also for 26 years the hon. secretary of the East Cowes Vics Club, which post he gave up in 1930. His services as hon. secretary to various football organisations totalled 117 years. He was hon. secretary of the Brooklyn Charity Cup competition for 25 years, of the Cowes and District Cup and League for 26 years, of the Elementary Schools' Cup and Leagues for 20 years, and of the Cowes Charity Shield for 20 years.

At a meeting of the Hampshire Football Association in 1947 Mr. HUNT was presented with the Hants F.A. meritorious service medal on having completed 40 years as a member of the council. Mr. G. J. EDEN (secretary of the association) then said that no other man in Hampshire had such a record. He was the senior vice-president of the association and also a life vice-president of the I.W. Football Association, for which he had been a member for 49 years. For 20 years Mr. HUNT served on both the Hants Referees' and Hants Reports Committees. He was a member of the East Cowes Conservative Association and a former member of the Conservative Club. He leaves a widow who has been bed-ridden for 20 years, and one daughter.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday. A service will be held in St. James's Church at 2 p.m., and the interment will be at Ashley.

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**THE LATE MR. J. H. HUNT  
MANY FOOTBALL COLLEAGUES  
AT FUNERAL**

His former colleagues of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Football Associations and representatives of football clubs in the Island were among those attending the funeral on Tuesday of **Mr. James Henry HUNT**, of Carmelia, York Avenue, East Cowes, whose death occurred last week in the Frank James Hospital, at the age of 75. The service in St. James's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. KING), with Mrs. KING at the organ, and included the hymns "The Lord's my Shepherd" and "Abide with me."

The principal mourners were Miss Q. HUNT (daughter), Messrs. William and Wilfred HUNT, R. CHIVERTON, E. SHARP, and J. BLACKLOCK (nephews), Miss S. BLACKLOCK (niece), Messrs H. STARES, G. and A. BLACKLOCK, T. SHARP, L. BURDEN, and A. FRAMPTON (brothers-in-law), Mrs. J. BLACKLOCK and Mrs. A. FRAMPTON (sisters-in-law) Mr. and Mrs. R. H. GODSLAND, and Mr. and Mrs. B. HOLBROOK, Mrs. HUNT (widow) was unable to attend, as she is an invalid.

Among others present were Mr. G. H. ARTHUR, of Newport (president of the I.W.F.A., also representing Mr. W. E. LOE, the president of the Hants F.A.) Mr. E. L. KINGSWELL (chairman I.W.F.A. and the I.W. Divisional Referees' Committee), Mr. R. L. BARBER (hon. secretary, I.W.F.A., also representing Mr. G. J. EDEN, secretary of the Hants F.A.), Mr. P. H. BLAKE (representing Ald. W. BLAKE, J.P., hon. treasurer, I.W.F.A.), Mr. T. S. MELLANBY (vice-president, I.W.F.A. and hon. secretary Ryde Sports F.C.), Mr. N. F. BAKER (hon. secretary Sandown F.C. and I.W.F.A.), Mr. S. B. JONES (president, Cowes F.C.), Mr. R. REYNOLDS (hon. secretary, Cowes F.C. and Hants F.A.), Messrs. A.W. BOWDEN, C. H. TONG, and F. S. WILLIS (I.W.F.A.), Mr. A. W. CLARKE (Cowes D.R.O.B. and

I.W.F.A.), Messrs. N. W. SMITH and G. ELLIOTT (chairman and hon. secretary, East Cowes Victorias F.C.), Mr. L. J. WAIT (Ryde Sports F.C.), Mr. W. H. BARTON (Newport F.C.), Mr. F. A. MELLANBY (I.W. Referees' Society), Mr. W. YARRANTON (chairman of the I.W. School F.A.), Mr. B. GREEN (Haylands F.C.), Mr. H. N. MOTH (representing old boys of Grange Road School and also Mr. A. W. LALLOW, a vice-president of the Hants and I.W.F.A.s), Mr. C. F. HARRIS (former East Cowes Vics player), Mr. A. JACKMAN (Whippingham Lodge of Oddfellows), and Miss D. SIBBICK (representing the I.W. Conservative Association and Capt. H. A. DRUDGE). The East Cowes conservative Association was represented by Mr. Wallace BRINTON (also representing Mrs. BRINTON, the president, who was prevented from attending through illness), Mr. I. TILLET (vice-chairman), Mrs. D. GAMLIN (hon. secretary), Mr. M. SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. and Mr. R. PETTY, and Mesdames D. GROVES and H. SHAVE.

The 37 floral tributes included wreaths from the officers and members of the Hampshire Football Association; officers and members of the Isle of Wight Football Association; I.W. Referees' Association; East Cowes Victorias F.C.; Cowes F.C.; East Cowes Conservative Association; East Cowes Young Conservatives; and the Red Cross Cadet Unit 2766. The interment was at Ashe.

The arrangements were made by Messrs. W. G. THOMAS, of Cowes.

Mrs. Hunt and Queenie acknowledge the great kindness and devoted attention shown Mr. Hunt by Dr. C. Fraser DOWN, and the matron and staff of the Frank James Hospital, and District Nurses WELSH and WOOLLETT. They also thank relatives, friends, and neighbours for messages of sympathy in their bereavement and for beautiful floral tributes.

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