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MISS E. STIRLING

Miss **Mary Elizabeth STIRLING**, of The Nest, St. John's-Hill, the founder of the Ryde's Cats Home, passed away on Thursday.

Always a keen lover of animals Miss STIRLING continued her humanitarian even at the advanced age of 77 at which she died. She inaugurated the Cat's Home herself some 20 years ago. Later it was taken over by the R.S.P.C.A., but Miss STIRLING continued to carry out the secretarial work. Among her other interests were the Anti-vivisection League, and she had been for some years on the committee of the Island Branch. Her father was the late Rev. W. STIRLING, of Dundee, and a sister is left.

The funeral was at St John's Church on Monday. In addition to the family mourners there were present at the service the Hon. Mrs. WILSON HEATHCOTE, Miss SHEPHERD, Miss Ruby BURT, the Misses G. and D. TAHOURDIN, Inspector A. TAYLOR R.S.P.C.A., Mr. C.J. LANDER, Mr. K. SLOPER, (the caretaker of the Cat's Home and Mrs. SLOPER), Miss MEARS, Miss HAWKINS and Mr. and Mrs. W. DRAPER.

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