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**THOMAS Hy. Morgan**, Alvadene, Great Preston-road, Ryde, IW.

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### **RETIRED NAVAL OFFICER**

Lieutenant Commander **Henry Morgan THOMAS**, D.S.C., aged 79, of 23 Swanmore Road, died in a local nursing home on Monday. Born at Newport, Monmouthshire, he had lived here since 1937. During the last war he served in the destroyer H.M.S. Beagle, principally in the Atlantic, winning the Distinguished Service Cross. Possessing a fine tenor voice, he sang in the choir of the George Street Baptist Church and with the Borough of Ryde Philharmonic Society in many of their productions. He also gave active help to the I.W. Musical Competition Festival Association each year and collected for various good causes. His first wife died 15 years ago and he lost his second wife exactly a year before his own death. His only daughter, Mrs. Marjorie PRIOR, is the wife of a medical missionary in India: He is survived by five sisters, the eldest of whom, Miss Anne THOMAS, who is 85, came from Weston-super-Mare to nurse him for three months before he entered the nursing home.

The Rev. I. L. JONES officiated at the funeral service on Thursday at the Baptist Church, which was attended by many fellow members of the church and friends. The mourners were Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. E. J. R. GODWIN (brother-in-law and sister-in-law). The interment was in the grave of his first wife at Ashe Cemetery.

Messrs. H. V. Taylor made the arrangements.

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