In 1911 **Angelo** (20) was living at Wellington House, High-street, Oakfield, with his brother Dominic (22), sister Marianna (15), mother Anolouia (46), cousin Loreto PICANO (19) and Luige PURETTI (32) & Michelo CORNAECHIO (42). **Angelo** was listed as a Marine Store Dealer.

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MARRIAGE: 3<sup>rd</sup> ¼ 1914 (General Registrars ref: Holborn Reg Dist. Vol 1B. Page 1511) **Angelo VALVONA** & Andreana PITTACCIO

1927 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight – page 737 **VALVONA Angelo**, shopkeeper, 9 High-street, Oakfield, Ryde, IW.

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## ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1950 page 8

**Sudden Death of Mr. A.VALVONA.-** The death occurred suddenly on Thursday at Upton Road Nurseries, of which he was a proprietor, of Mr. Angelo VALVONA, aged 60. He had recently restarted work after an illness and on Wednesday had travelled home from London. Mr. VALVONA was Italian by birth, but settled here with other members of his family about 50 years ago. He was formerly in business as a marine store dealer. About five years ago he set up as a nursery-man and florist, and had established a reputation for the many lovely floral exhibits he staged at shows throughout the Island. His wife died a few years ago and he leaves three sons and two daughters.

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ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1950

Death Notice:-

VALVONA.- On May 18th, at Upton Road Nurseries, Angelo VALVONA, aged 60 years.

Acknowledgment

**VALVONA.-** The family thank Mrs. SMITHERS, Messrs. S. L. TAYLOR and all friends and neighbours for their sympathy and help in their sad loss, and for the floral tributes sent.

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## MR. A. VALVONA

The funeral took place on Monday at St. Mary's R. C. Church, preceded by Requiem Mass, of Mr. Angelo VALVONA, whose death at Upton Road Nurseries (of which he was a proprietor) occurred suddenly the previous Thursday. He was 60 years of age. He had, apparently recovered from a illness and on Wednesday travelled home from London.

A native of Cassino, Italy, Mr. VALVONA settled in the Island with other members of his family 50 years ago, and was at one time a marine store dealer. he set up in business as a nurseryman and florist about five years ago, and had since gained an enviable reputation as an exhibitor at flower and fruit shows throughout the Island. He was, in addition, one of the most active and keen committee members of the Hayland's Horticultural Society, and took a great interest in the promotion of their local shows. Mr. VALVONA was a widower, his wife having died nine years ago, and he leaves three sons and two daughters.

Family mourners in attendance at the church and Ryde Cemetery, where interment took place, were: Mr. and Mrs. C. VALVONA (son and daughter-in-law), Messrs. R. and J. VALVONA (sons), Miss Toni VALVONA (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. R. COQUIO (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. G. REA (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. L. REA (nephew), Mesdames M. GRIMES, and Y. FINSTON and Miss B. VALVONA (nieces), Mr. and Mrs. J. VALVONA and Mr. and Mrs. A. VALVONA (nephews and wives), Mr. and Mrs. L. PICANO (cousins and wife), Messrs. M. OGLAIRO and C. SALVI (brothers-in-law), and Mrs. R. VALVONA (sister-in-law).

Also present were Messrs. D. MUNFORD (head gardener), H. HARRIS, L. LEONI, L. SPINELLI, J. DINARDO, BERRY and W. GAWN (the latter representing Haylands Horticultural Society), A. J. PRIOR, F. P. RICHARDS, Mr. and Mrs. DRAGONETTI, Mr. and Mrs. RODD, and Mrs. L. ARCARI.

Among the 32 lovely floral tributes were wreaths from members of Haylands Horticultural Society, a group of friends at Lake Huron Hotel, the staffs of Upton Road Nurseries, and Messrs. D. VALVONA, Oakfield.

The Rev. T. E. MURPHY officiated.

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