

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 29th January 1955

Retired Farmer's Death. – Mr. **Arthur William THORNE**, aged 73, of 36 Asheys Road, died on Sunday at Nettlestone Farm, the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. CALLAWAY. Of Devonshire stock, Mr. THORNE was born at Wootton Farm, then farmed by his father, and nearly 40 years ago became bailiff at Aldermore Farm, Upton Road. He remained there until he took over Great Preston Farm, Great Preston Road. He retired three years ago, after 11 years at Great Preston Farm, where his elder son Mr. Charles THORNE, succeeded him. Mr. THORNE was a former member of the Island branch of the National Farmers' Union. He is survived by a widow, two sons, and a daughter.

The Rev. Cledwyn WOOD officiated at the funeral at the Methodist Church on Thursday. Mr. H. L. BRADING, J.P., accompanied the singing of "Rock of Ages" and "Lead, kindly Light." The mourners were Mrs. A. W. THORNE (widow), Messrs. C. and L. THORNE (sons), Mr. and Mrs. A. J. CALLAWAY (son-in-law and daughter). Mr. and Mrs. Archibald THORNE and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred THORNE (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. C. SILBURY (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. WILLIS (nephew and niece), and Miss N. RIGBY (cousin). The interment was at Ryde Cemetery.

Messrs. H. V. TAYLOR and Son made the arrangements.

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