

Death and Funeral of Miss M. ROWE

Miss Maud ROWE, who with her father, Mr. George ROWE, lived with her sister and brother-in-law at Monkton-street, died at the County Hospital on Saturday, the tragic circumstances of her death causing profound regret among her many friends. For some years she had been associated with Holy Trinity Church and later with All Saints', being a very prominent member of the Girls' Friendly Society. She was especially well known to members of the Town Club, where in later years she assisted her father as steward until his recent retirement. Two of her outstanding qualities were quiet charm and deep sincerity.

The funeral took place at All Saints' on Thursday, when a large number of ladies attended. The Vicar (Canon R. S. MOXON) officiated, assisted by the Rev. F. H. ROLPH. Psalms 23 and 39 and the Nunc Dimittis were said. The mourners were Mr. G. ROWE (father) Miss E. ROWE (sister), Mr. C. H. WILLIAMS (brother-in-law), and Mr. F. A. BRICKELL. Mrs. JOHNSTONE (president), Miss F. COLLYER (hon. secretary and treasurer), Miss ALEXANDER, and others represented the Parish Church branch of the G.F.S., and Miss WARDROPER and Miss BROADBENT the St. John's branch.

There were also present the Mayoress (Mrs. H. W. O. WEEKS), Mr. and Mrs. E. P. COWLISHAW, Messrs. C. LANGDON, L. J. WAIT, J. J. DIMMER, R. G. BARTER, S. BUTT, S. C. OSBORN, C. WARNE, H. HART, C. A. KING (churchwarden), and W. MALEKIN, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. BALLARD, Ald. And Mrs. E. C. LOADER, Mrs. S. C. NEEDHAM, Mrs. H. JERVIS, and Miss D. WEEKES (representing the Townswomen's Guild), Mrs. and Miss BIGGS, Mrs. G. E. MEARS, Miss MOSS, Mrs. SCOTT, Mrs. TRUCKEL, Miss WATTS, Mrs. P. LANGDON, Mrs. LEADER, Miss HOWELL, Miss SMITH, Mrs. LOCKE, Mrs. KING, and many others.

The interment was at the Cemetery in a grave a few yards away from that of her brother-in-law and sister. The beautiful flowers included tributes from the members and associates of the G.F.S., the members of the Town Club, friends and neighbours at Monkton-street, and the Townswomen's Guild.

Mr. C. LANGDON was responsible for arranging both funerals.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. WILLIAMS AND MISS ROWE

Mrs. S. C. NEEDHAM, T.C., county organiser of the W.V.S., writes: "The death of Mrs. WILLIAMS, wife of Councillor WILLIAMS, and her sister, Miss ROWE, is a great loss to the Ryde Townswomen's Guild, and all members feel their passing most keenly. Mrs. WILLIAMS was one of the Guild's first members and was liked and respected by everyone, not only for the sterling worth of her character but because of the unflinching energy and enthusiasm with which she infused everything she undertook. She showed outstanding ability at handicraft and was one of the most valued members of the drama section. She did much to bring about the success of the section. Mrs. WILLIAMS was also a diligent member of the W.V.C. and was indefatigable in her voluntary work as an A.R.P. telephonist, when she gave up her weekends to allow others in the control room to go off duty. Few people realised the scope of her voluntary work, but all will agree that her death will cause an irreparable gap in the ranks of the Guild's membership. Miss ROWE, too, worked quietly and unobtrusively, and all will regret that her cheerful personality will no longer be with the Guild. She was a keen knitter, a prominent member of the working party, and collected and distributed books to the wardens' posts in Ryde, a service which was greatly appreciated.
