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Death Notice:

WOODWARD.- On February 20th, Mr. **Frederick Arthur WOODWARD**, of 5 Swanmore Road, Ryde, aged 74.

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Obituary Police Tribute at Funeral

Four local policemen acted as bearers at the funeral of Mr. **Frederick Arthur WOODWARD**, a retired Police constable, of 5 Swanmore Road, Ryde. Mr. WOODWARD, who was 74, died the previous Sunday.

Born at Oakfield, he was the youngest son of Mr. William WOODWARD. Joining the Hampshire County Constabulary in 1899, he served for 25 years, being stationed at Lyndhurst, Boscombe and Basingstoke. He came back to the Island on his retirement to live with his brother (Mr. T. H. WOODWARD), where he had since resided. His chief interest was in his 12-rod allotment at Smallbrook.

The service at Garfield Road Methodist Church was conducted by the Rev. H. MACROW (Methodist minister emeritus).

The mourners were Mr. WOODWARD (brother), Mrs. E. E. GATTRELL (sister), Mr. William WOODWARD (nephew), Mrs. N. WOODWARD (sister-in-law) and Mr. A. STEWARD and Mr. A. DALLIMORE (cousins). Mr. A. E. REAK (step-brother), of Chester, was prevented through illness from attending.

The pall-bearers, under Sgt. R. BURRIDGE, were P.C.s A. MEADOWS, W. EAGLE, J. DARBY and R. HOWARD.

Among those present were Police Inspector F. RUGMAN (representing the Superintendent of the Island Division), Mr. A. J. BALLARD (representing the East Medina Lodge of Oddfellows), Mr. F. TARRANT (former Police sergeant) and Mr. G. LAVERY (former constable), Mrs. CHESSELL (representing Mr. F. CHESSELL), Mrs. A. C. WOLFE, Mrs. E. D. JACKSON, Mr. and Mrs. H. LEAL, Mrs. A. HUNT, Mrs. F. TURNER, Mrs. O. HARRIS, Mr. H. F. DALLIMORE, Mrs. E. LOVE, Mr. W. WILLIS, Mr. G. VALLENDER and Miss JANAWAY.

The interment was at Ryde Cemetery and the floral tributes included one from the Ryde Social Club.

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