

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1960

Bowler's Sudden Death. - Mr. **Samuel Charles GARDNER**, aged 67, of 24 Church Lane, popular Island bowler, collapsed while walking with his wife in Lind Street on Monday, and was taken by ambulance to the Royal I.W. County Hospital, where he was found to be dead on arrival. He had been in poor health for several months, and, although the facts were reported to the Coroner, an inquest was unnecessary, death being due to natural causes.

Born at Forest Gate, Essex, he moved to Hayes, Middlesex, where for some 30 years he was employed at Nestles' chocolate factory. When he retired four years ago and came here he was in charge of the packaging department. He had been secretary of the Nestles' Bowls Club for more than 20 years and was a Middlesex County bowler. His skill was soon recognised at the Ryde Bowling Club, and he represented the Island in several matches, also appearing in two Middleton Cup trial games. In 1958 he captained the team which won the county president's cup. He was also a member of the Town Club. He leaves a widow and son.

The Vicar (the Rev. R.H. BASSETT) officiated at the funeral service at All Saints' Parish Church on Thursday. The mourners were Mrs. S.C. GARDNER (widow), Mr. and Mrs. N.C. GARDNER (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. A. GARDNER (brother), Mrs. L. VERNON (sister), and Mr. and Mrs. C. DOBSON and Mrs. L. LLOYD (nephew and nieces). The County Bowling Association, Ryde Bowling Club, Town Club, Nestles, Ltd., and Nestles' Social Club were represented and sent wreaths. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery.

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

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