

Rev. Luther Caws Burden – death and funeral

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Seaview Minister's Death.

THE REV. LUTHEE BURDEN.

The death occurred on Wednesday of the Rev. Luther Caws Burden, of The Wedge, High Street, Seaview, who, since his retirement from a London ministry two years ago, had been the esteemed minister of the Beulah (Methodist) Church there.

Mr. Burden, son of the late Mr. William Clarke Burden, of Ryde, was born at Seaview, where he spent his early years. As a youth he was a prominent player for Seaview F.C. Later he went to London, where in 1914 he joined the Congregational ministry, and from then on he held posts at Parkstone, Wakenham, Isleworth, and Brentford. His church at Brentford was extensively damaged during the war, and shortly afterwards his leg had to be amputated. In the first world war he was an honorary chaplain to the Forces, and also worked on the land. His retirement in 1946 terminated 20 years' chaplaincy of the West Middlesex Hospital, and he came back to his birthplace to live. There he was persuaded to give his services to the Beulah Church, and since then had regularly conducted services. He was an eloquent and forceful preacher. He took a keen interest in local affairs, and his naturally cheerful outlook gained him many friends. He was a Freemason, and is survived by a widow, to whom he had been married 42 years, and two sons and a daughter, with whom sympathy is expressed. A service at the Beulah Church was held yesterday (Friday), and cremation takes place at Southampton to-day (Saturday).

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SEAVIEW.

The Late Rev. L. C. Burden.—A memorial service was held at Beulah Church on Friday week for the Rev. Luther Caws Burden, of The Wedge, High Street, whose death occurred on Wednesday week. The coffin rested in the church and was covered with flowers. The Rev. S. G. F. Phillips (Ryde Congregational church) officiated, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth Sainsbury, (nephew), of Birmingham, and the Rev. I. Pritchard (Sandown Congregational Church). Mr. A. E. Bull (organist) accompanied the hymns "O Love that will not let me go" and "The day Thou gavest", and Mr. Sainsbury paid a moving tribute to the endearing qualities of Mr. Burden's character saying he was a true Christian and a good man. The mourners were Mrs. L. C. Burden (widow), Mr. and Mrs. S. W. F. Burden (son and daughter-in-law), Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Todd (son-in-law and daughter), Dr. D. L. Burden (son), Mrs. Roland Young (sister), Mrs. C. Caws (cousin), Mrs. G. Burden (sister-in-law), Mrs. M. E. Harris, and Miss P. Woodhead. Others present included Pastor J. H. Dimmer (East Cowes Congregational Church) and Mrs. Dimmer, Miss R. G. Caselton (hon. secretary, Seaview Women's Institute, also representing Mrs. Idris Phillips, president), Mr. and Mrs. E. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Elsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Inglis, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vereker, Captain and Mrs. J. McL. Down, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. White, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thompson, Mesdames S. G. F. Phillips, J. White, G. Cheverton, F. C. Forde (also representing Mr. Forde), E. Matthews, K. Watson, J. Matthews, Henley, Ryder, A. E. Bull, K. Matthews, Wearn (also representing Mr. G. Wearn), F. Wilson, and Whalley Wickham (also representing Mrs. Caws, Weston-super-Mare), the Misses F. V. Garry, E. L. Caws, Ida and Alice Caws, E. and C. Caws, K. Matthews, E. Cress, Bailey, A. Caws, Terry, Bull, D. Matthews, and Ryder, and Messrs. G. N. Rogers, J.P. (representing the Rev. H. Bramwell Howard, Hyde Methodist Church), E. Browne (also representing Mrs. Browne), S. L. Matthews, E. Caws, E. F. Greenham, J. Finch, W. B. Nash, T. Barton, and A. Newell. The floral tributes included those from the Beulah Free Church, Brentford Congregational Church, and Isleworth Congregational Church. The Rev. S. G. Phillips officiated at the cremation at Southampton on Saturday.