



Funeral Notice

Oaksey

William Henry Westlake

There was a large congregation at Oaksey Church on Saturday for the funeral of Mr William Henry Westlake, of Danehurst, who was one of the best-known residents of the district.

The late Mr Westlake took a very active interest in many branches of work. He was a member of the Malmesbury rural district council, and also Chairman of the Oaksey Liberal Association, and the progress of the local branch owed much too his services. He was Chairman of the Oaksey Parish Council, people's warden, and a former chairman of the Malmesbury branch of the National Farmers' Union.

The Rector of Oaksey, the Rev W H Taylor, officiated at the service at the church, and the Rev F W Nicklin, of Abbots' Leigh, a former rector of the parish, read the prayers at the graveside. Mrs Eagles was at the organ, and played Handel's "Largo" and the Dead March from "Saul" as voluntaries. The service was choral and the 39th Psalm and the hymn, "Rock of Ages" were sung.

The principal mourners were:- Mrs W H Westlake (widow), Mr Howard Westlake, of Taunton, Mr S T Westlake, Minehead, and Mr V J Westlake, Bournemouth (brothers), Miss Scarlett (sister-in-law), Mr C Jarvis, London (sister-in-law), Dr W Blight and Dr H Blight (cousins), Mrs Scarlett, Mr Edgar Scarlett, Mr Alwyn and Miss Sybil Scarlett.

Others present were:- Mr Sam Westlake, Mr Stanley Westlake, Mr Tom Westlake, Mr and Mrs C Bradshaw, Mr Robinson, Mr Stevens, and Mr A George (chairman and agent of the Chippenham Liberal Association), Mr and Mrs Russell, Colonel L E Morrice and Mrs Morrice, Mr M H Chubb (Clerk of Malmesbury rural district council), Mr T H Clifford (Brinkworth), Mr Ernest E Large, Mr Arthur Reel, Mr Charles Bowman, Mr R S Sarah, Mr and Mrs R Hitchings, Mr T Sampson, Mr Allen, Mr Godwin, Mr W Hislop, Mr E Hislop.

Among those who sent floral tributes were the Oaksey scholars, Captain W D Phipps, and Colonel and the Hon Mrs Geoffrey Lawrence.

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