



Obituary - Arthur Richard Roberts 1943



Much sympathy is felt for Mrs A Roberts, of Milton, East Knoyle, in the tragic death of her husband in another part of the country through the explosion of a hand grenade. The body was brought to Knoyle on Sunday and was placed in the church after Evensong.

Mr Roberts was the youngest son of Mr J Roberts and the late Mrs Roberts, of Mustons-lane, Shaftesbury, and was 25.

The funeral took place on Easter Monday and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev Canon E Cross.

The principal mourners were Mrs Roberts (wife), Mr J Roberts (father), Mr and Mrs James Roberts, Mr and Mrs Jack Roberts (brothers and sisters in law), Mrs E Cook, Mr and Mrs G Gregoy, Mr and Mrs E Chown, Mr and Mrs D Hull (brothers in law and sisters), Mr and Mrs Fred Francis (father in law and mother in law), Mr Percy Francis (brother in law), Master James Chown and Master David Roberts (nephews), Mr and Mrs Pickford (aunt and uncle) and Sergt S Weldon (cousin).

The deceased's regiment was represented by an officer and a detachment of NCO's and men, who acted as bearers for part of the way to the graveside. Representatives of the Westminster Lodge of Oddfellows (Shaftesbury) were also present.

Among the many other mourners were Mrs Cross, Mrs Stephen (representing Mrs Willis and Mrs Shand, V.A.D. Commandants), Mrs A Street, Miss Betty Street, Mr George Street, Mr H Mills, Mr and Mrs J Francis, Mr and Mrs F W Barnes, Mr C Hyde, Mrs Fulford, Lady Bromley, Mrs E Fraser and Mrs A Tanswell.

Amongst the wreaths were three from deceased's Regiment - the Commanding Officer and All Ranks; the Officers and Men; and from his Company.

Mrs A R Roberts desires to thank the many friends who sent kind messages of sympathy.

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