

Frank Byron Caws Barton

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SEAVIEW

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. F. B. C. BARTON

Quite a gloom was cast over this village and neighbourhood on Sunday when it became known that the death had occurred early that morning of Mr Frank Byron Caws Barton, at "Rialto," Fairy Road, the home of his parents with whom he had resided, at the age of 30 years. He was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs E. Barton, a well known and highly respected family, especially at Seaview where he had also several near relatives and numerous friends, in fact he was liked and loved by all, and the sympathy of the many who know the parents and family, go out to them in their great loss of one they dearly loved. Words are of little help at such a time as this, but as time goes on may they gather much consolation from the fact that he was greatly liked and well spoken of by all who knew him. Frank, who was of a quiet, genial and social character, was born in Havenstreet on December 3, 1898, and started school at Ryde at 8½ years. In his 12<sup>o</sup> year he gained a scholarship for Sandown Secondary School, where he attended for four years. Being a bright and intelligent lad, on leaving school he entered and passed a Civil Service examination, and in the capacity of a Clerk in the Civil Service (India Office), went to London, where he stayed for one year. Later he joined up in the Royal Navy, being passed into that service as a writer, and for the first year was stationed at Malta; that was during the Great War, afterwards he was appointed to H.M.S. Egmont. He was on the flagship Superb when she passed through the Dardanelles conveying the Admiral with the terms of the Armistice for the Turks and which was agreed to in full by them. He contracted influenza, and returning home to England was invalided and granted a pension. Since then he had not enjoyed good health but only took to his bed a short time ago suffering from a cold, from this he did not recover though everything possible was done for him, and he passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday as before stated. He will be missed in the village, his valuable help in several directions, as a reliable assistant in secretarial work was always greatly appreciated. He did hard work in this respect at the forming of the local branch of the British Legion. His work as Assistant Secretary to the Seaview Horticultural Society was of great value, it was while he was assisting at the preparation of their last Autumn Show that he was first laid aside for a short time, but from this he appeared to recover and was about again as usual. His work of assistant in connection with the regattas was also greatly prized. He was a great lover of birds and flowers.

The funeral took place on Wednesday amid many manifestations of sympathy. The first portion of the service was held at Beulah Chapel, where the deceased was at one time a scholar in the Sunday School, and at which the family are worshippers. The service here and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Boulton Lea, United Methodist Minister, of Sandown.

The principal mourners were: Mr and Mrs Edgar Barton (parents). the Misses M.A. and I. Caws (aunts), Mr H. Barton and Mr Lea (uncles), Mrs A.P. Caws and Mrs Cootes, Miss Matthews, Mr and Mrs J. Ryder, the Misses F. and E. Caws, the Misses L. and C. Caws, Miss Davis and Mr Nugent Caws (cousins). Three uncles were unable to be present, Mr Richard Caws (through illness), and Messrs W. and F. Caws (through duties afloat). Among others at the Chapel and at the graveside were: Representing the British Legion, Mr F. Searle (vice chairman), Mr E. Wilson Chalon and

Mr G. Matthews (joint hon. Secs.) Mr W. Holland, Mr G. Brading, Mrs. Allen and Mr M. Caws (member of the Committee); Horticultural Society - Mr E.J. Caws and Mr L. Castleton; Dr R.N. Aston, Mr S. Trinder, Mr F.A Watson, cc., Mr T.F. Sheath, Miss Ryder, Mrs Bull, Misses D. and E. Bull, Miss R. Daish, Miss Wickens, Misses K. and D. Matthews, Miss C. Greenham, Miss E. Daish, Mrs B. Nash, Mrs E. Daish, Mr Brimson, Mr S. Matthews, Mr W. Wheeler, Mr Leslie Allen, Mr M. Caws and Mrs Williams.

The interment was at the churchyard of St. Helens. The coffin of polished elm with brass fittings, which was draped with the Union Jack bore the inscription "Frank Byron Caws Barton, died December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1928, aged 30 years. At Rest."

The funeral arrangements were well and satisfactory carried out by Mr W. Bull and Sons, The Briars, Steyne Road, Seaview.

Mr and Mrs E. Barton especially wish to thank Dr R.N. Aston for his great kindness and attention to their son (Frank), and Nurse Legge, also to the many friends for kind enquires, letters of sympathy and flowers sent.

There were numerous beautiful floral tributes.