Ruardean mourns Mr. Dennis Watkins

Ruardean has been roused to sympathy by the death of Mr. Dennis Watkins, aged 45.

He was employed by Mr. Bernard Knight, of Ruardean, and was working as usual last week.

He went to hospital in Gloucester on Monday evening and died early on Wednesday morning.

His pleasant disposition and cheerful smile made him a popular favourite with young and old, and he was a most loyal and conscientous worker in many spheres of village life.

He leaves a widow and two small children to whom sincerest sympathy of the whole neighbourhood is extended.

He was secretary of the local lodge of the R.A.O.B. and chairman of the British Legion, having served throughout the last war.

The funeral has been arranged for Saturday.

FAMILY MOURNERS

Family mourners were: Hazel (wife); Gilbert, Maurice and Cliff (brothers); Daisy and Audrey (sisters); Mr. and Mrs. R. Bloomfield (father and mother-in-law); Minnia and Linda (sisters-in-law); Denzil, Jim and Ashley (brothers-in-law); Mrs. J. White (aunt); Mr. E. Howe (uncle); Tony, Heather, Brian, Sylvia, Roy, Pearl, Harry, Jeff, June, David, Tony and Ken (nephews and nieces); Mr. Cyril Watkins, Mr. Chester Watkins, Miss C. Brain, Mrs. E. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weaver, Mr. J. Weaver, Mr. A. Rawlings, Mr. C. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bowkett (cousins); Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Knight (employers).

Mourners at the house included Jean and Marjorie (sisters), Joyce (sister-in-law) and Mrs. G. Jones.

Mr. L. F. Jones gave every satisfaction as undertaker.

C. S. and K. S. Knight and Jean; Mr. and Mrs. Hay and Mr. and Mrs. Mansell and families; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marfell; Verdun, Phyllis and Ken; Ron, Phyllis and Len Harper; Mr. and Mrs. Norris and Miss Francis Baldwin; Mr. and Mrs. W. Beard; George and Bernice, Joys Green; Mr. and Mrs. J. Brain and family; Mrs. Bowkett, John and Les Jones; customers, the Maltshovel; Elsie, Ralph and Mrs. B. Baldwin, English Bicknor; Les, Rona, Joe and Hilda; Ray and Grace Hawkins; Mr. and Mrs. F. Simmonds; Mr. and Mrs. George Malsom and family; Dorothy, Pat, John and Diana; Mr. and Mrs. Medcroft; Mr. and Mrs. Copeland and Norman; Mr. and Mrs. H. Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mathews, The Pludds; Henry, Ivy and Harold Davies; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beard and family; Merlyn and Mary Hale; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis, Henry, Charlotte, John, Dorothy, Tony and Sheila; Ron and family.