

FUNERAL OF MR. J. A. MEEK

EVIDENCE OF WIDESPREAD SYMPATHY

The funeral of Mr. James Alfred Meek, one of the two victims of the accident at Steam Mills, reported last week, took place at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday last.

Respected by his fellow workmen and friends, his sudden death came as a shock to many, and the sympathy it aroused was amply seen by the large number who attended the funeral. Since his school days Mr. Meek has been working at the Arthur and Edward Colliery, Lydbrook, following this occupation in the steps of his father, who was himself a workman at the colliery. He was a prominent and hard working member of the British Legion, and members of the Cinderford branch headed the funeral procession to the church. Mr. Meek served through the great war as a Gunner, seeing active service in France and Italy.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Joan Phyllis Meek, two brothers and two sisters, and a widowed mother.

On Wednesday a short service at the house was conducted by Mr. Tom Witts (lay reader at Holy Trinity Church), and the hymn, "Rock of Ages," was sung. The cortege then walked to Holy Trinity Church, where the service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Potto Hicks (Vicar of St. Stephen's Church, Cinderford). In his address the Vicar spoke of Mr. Meek as being a live member of the Forest Church, following in the footsteps of his mother before him, who was a choir girl at the church. He referred to Mr. Meek as being a very good and conscientious man, who in his own way did a lot of good. The hymn, "On the Resurrection Morn," was sung, the organist being Mrs. Smart. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Mr. Jack Webb, of the British Legion.

Family mourners present at the funeral included: Messrs. Albert and Tom Meek (brothers), Mr. Sidney Wheeler and Mr. J. Williams (respective fathers-in-law), Messrs. Evan Parsons, W. Parsons, E. Thomas, E. Thomas, C. Thomas, S. Thomas, H. Nicholls, H. Christie (uncles), C. C. Thomas, Jayne, E. Parsons, H. Barter (cousins), M. Roberts, F. Wheeler, M. Westaway (uncles), R. Thomas and R. Watson (cousins), H. Morgan, A. Meek, B. Stidder and W. Moore (relatives of the deceased).

The bearers were Messrs. R. Diamond, H. Clarke, A. Duggan, and I. Knight; and the pall bearers Messrs. F. East (sen.), F. East (jun.), F. Philpotts and A. Wixen.

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FLORAL TRIBUTES

Beautiful floral tributes were sent from the following:—My Darling, with the most fragrant memories—June; With love and fond remembrance of a loving son and brother, from his sorrowing Mother and Sisters; With love and fond memories of one of the best of brothers, from Albert, Hilda and Derek; With love and fond memories of one of the best of brothers, from Tom, Sis. and children; With fondly cherished memory of our dear son-in-law, Owen, a son indeed, from his sorrowing parents-in-law, Sidney and Edith Wheeler; Fragrant memories of our dear boy, from Jess and Joe (Binley); Cherished memories of dear Owen from Betty and Bill (Binley); With fondest memories of our Owen, from Aunt Annie, Evan and Bill; In deepest sympathy Uncle Ern., Auntie Edith and family; In ever loving memory, from Fred, Louie, Enid and Reg.; In memory of a very dear relative, from Sid., Mary, and Kenneth (Nuneaton); In memory of one of the finest of fellows, from Clarence (Nuneaton); With deepest sympathy, from Kate, Gladys, and Harold; Fragrant memories of dear Owen, from Ada and Harry; In loving memory of Owen, from Aunty Cis., Uncle Harry, and family; Cherished memories of dear Owen, from Butty, Lil., Jean and Sonny; Fragrant memories of our dear brother, Owen, from Stan. and Lil. (Keresley); In loving memory, from Aunty Eva and family; Ever remembered by his loving Gran, Thomas; With loving sympathy, from Uncle George (Cirencester); With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. and Mr. A. Hale, Valley Road; With deepest sympathy, from the family of the late Mr. Hale, Bowson House; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Trigg and Edna; With fond memories, from Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and Clifford (Binley); With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Burgum and family; In affectionate remembrance, from Florrie, Alf. and Mrs. James; With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. Watts, Sarah, Mrs. Brain and Nat.; With deepest sympathy, from his fellow surface workers at the colliery; In deepest sympathy, from Mr. J. Hill and family; With deepest sympathy, from the workmen at Mirev Stock screens; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Knight, Valley Road; Cherished memories of dear Owen, from Martin, Liz., and family; Fond memories of dear Owen, from Grandma Williams; With deepest sympathy, from the Directors of Lydney and Crump Meadow Collieries, Ltd.; With deep and loving sympathy, from Mrs. Hicks and members of the Bilson Fellowship; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Percy Meek and children; With deepest sympathy, from Cousins Rene, Ann and Lionel; With deepest sympathy, from S. J. Nicholls and Sons; With deepest sympathy, from Bert. and Ron.; With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. F. Young, George, Ethel and Freddie; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cinderford; With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. ... High Street; Deep-