

Obituary William Dore of Bishopstone, 1889

The Late Mr. William Dore

The funeral of this highly esteemed and much respected inhabitant of Bishopstone, took place on Tuesday in last week at the parish church, at 3 p.m. The mortal remains were conveyed to the grave by six of the labourers employed on deceased's farm. The grave was very beautifully lined with ivy and moss. The chief mourners were, Mr. W. J. Dore and Mr. Arthur Dore (sons of deceased) and Mr. John Dore (brother), who was drawn in his invalid chair. Amongst the friends and neighbours of deceased who attended to pay a last tribute of respect were, Mr. Brown (Barnwood), Messrs Puckridge (Aldbourne), C. Hibbard and – Edmonds (Bishopstone), Peck (Hungerford), Badcock (Liddiard), Plummer (Purton), F. Brown, I. Radway, A. Plummer, H. Kinneir, and L. Etty (Swindon), Kennard, Humphries (Lambourne), Peck, Jousiffe (Seven Burrows), Beasley, E. Belcher (Faringdon), J. Lawrence, sen., J. Lawrence, jun., (Idstone), Keevil, jun., (Bourton). Next followed the tradesmen of the village, and the labourers employed on deceased's farm. Lastly, followed the members of the Bishopstone School Club. In all, mourners numbered over 100. The church was crowded during the service, which was very impressively read by the vicar, the Rev. H. Ault. A muffled peal was given on the church bells. The coffin was of polished oak, with solid brass furniture. The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Miss E. A. Lawrence, Bishopstone, and Mr. Lawrence, Aldbourne.

Mr. Dore was 79 years of age, and came to Bishopstone when only three years old, and during the whole of his residence in the parish he has never left it for more than a week at a time. By his death the whole parish has lost a good friend and neighbour, the labourers a kind master, and his widow and sons an affectionate husband and father. On Sunday morning last the vicar, the Rev. H. Ault, delivered an excellent sermon, preaching from the words, "Thy will be done". He referred to deceased in touching terms, and the service throughout was very impressive.

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