

The funeral took place on June 5 of Mrs. Pearl Adeline Maud Clarke, who passed away at Bush House Nursing Home, Pembroke Road, Pembroke, on May 23. She was 88.

A native of Hazel Beach, Neyland, Pearl worked as a waitress and home help during her working life and was a housewife.

Her main interests included gardening, making things for carnivals and looking after her grandchildren.

Pearl was also a member of the church choir at Llanstadwell, Neyland, when she was a young girl.

Predeceased by her husband Robert Thomas Clarke, she leaves to mourn her daughter Rose and son-in-law Jim, son Bobby and daughter-in-law Allison, daughter Angela and son-in-law Eddie, daughter Caroline and son-in-law Jimmy, along with nephews and nieces.

Funeral services took place at St. John's Church, Pembroke Dock, and Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth.

Bearers were Andrew Sheehan, David Sheehan, Richard Martin, Robbert Clarke, David Thompson and Ian.

Principal mourners were her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and friends.

Unable to attend were daughter Caroline and son-in-law Jimmy, and grandchildren Lisa, David, James and Anthony, from Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

The funeral arrangements were conducted by E. C. Thomas and Son, Funeral Directors, Zoar Chapel Funeral Home, Llanteg.

MISS L. GIBBONS SAUNDERSFOOT

The death occurred suddenly, but peacefully, on Tuesday, June 11, at Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest, of Miss Lesley Gibbons, of 16 Bonvilles Close, Saundersfoot, formerly of Ceredigion and Glamorgan.

The funeral service will take place on Tuesday June 25, at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth, at 12.15 pm.

There will be family flowers only, with donations in lieu, if so desired, for Greenacres Animal Rescue, Ebbs Acres Farm, Talbenny, Haverfordwest.

The family have requested that bright clothing be worn.

Further inquiries to David E. Morris, of Hywel Evans Funeral Directors, 3 Wesley Villas, Station Road, Narberth.

OBITUARY

REV. J. POTTER TENBY

The funeral takes place today (Friday) of Rev. Canon John Henry Potter, of Wimbledon Court, Tenby, who passed away at Withybush Hospital on Thursday, June 13.

Aged 87, Canon Potter is survived by his wife Jill, son and daughter-in-law Mark and Christine and grandchildren Megan and Bethan.

Born on March 6, 1926, in Tunbridge Wells to Ken and Lillian Potter, Rev. Potter attended The Skinners' School, where he initially appeared to collect a number of disorder marks before settling down and achieving good results across the board. Despite a serious broken thigh bone which cost him a whole term off school, he regained his fitness and went on to represent the school at 1st XV rugby and 1st XI cricket.

He was involved with the school OTC and reached the rank of Cadet Sergeant, whilst simultaneously holding the rank of Lance Corporal in A Coy, 21st Battalion Kent Home Guard - guarding emplacements and railway tunnels at night, and being promoted Company Sergeant Major of the village Army Cadet Force. So his normal weekly duties involved two afternoons OTC, two evenings ACF and two evenings HG. As he said recently, "Not exactly blood and guts heroism, but heady stuff for teenagers!"

On leaving school, he was called up in 1944, posted to 166 Officer Cadet Training Unit on the Isle of Man before being commissioned into the Royal West Kent Regiment.

He was soon seconded to the Royal West African Frontier Force where he was appointed Adjutant and held responsible for discipline.

The RWAFF was made up of soldiers drawn from the Empire's four West African colonies - Nigeria, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and Gambia.

After four years army service, he was discharged, whilst retaining the honorary rank of Lieutenant.

His life now took a totally different direction with a calling to the ministry, and he enrolled at Oak Hill College to study theology.

On gaining his degree, he was ordained at St. Paul's Cathedral on September 29, 1952, before being posted to his first parish, serving as Curate to Rev. Maurice Wood at St. Mary's, Islington, North London (1952-1955). This was his introduction to ministry in an inner city environ-

ment, developing the skills he would need later on.

It was here that he met Jill, a young teacher fresh from Wales who evidently knocked him sideways, whom he married on November 2, 1955, at St. Mary's Church, Tenby. Jill's family come from Tenby, and it is to Tenby they have returned many times over the years.

Newly married, he moved to St. Andrew's, Kinson, where he became Curate-in-Charge, assisting the Vicar in managing the Church of England parson and therefore a foreigner, he was made most welcome. He continued to minister and be God's ambassador until the day he died.

Throughout his career he was seen by the Church of England as a 'trouble-shooter'. To quote from a letter received by the family this week: "He stood out among his contemporaries as a figure of charm, professional integrity and dignity" and it has been said he set the "Gold Standard" of ministry.

Throughout his life he was interested in sport, from 1st XI and 1st XV at school, playing rugby in the army and a spell playing for Saracens, and regular appearances for the London Diocesan cricket team - even playing at the Oval with David Sheppard!

The funeral service takes place today (Friday), 2.30 pm, at St. Mary's Church, Tenby, and will be followed by a service at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth, at 4 pm.

There will be family flowers only, with donations payable to Paul Sartori Foundation, c/o funeral directors, W. and M. J. Rossiter and Sons Ltd., The Old Rectory, The Norton, Tenby, SA70 8AB or Landsker House, 21 Station Road, Narberth, SA67 7DR.

MR. J. NICHOLAS CAREW

The funeral took place on June 6, at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth, of Mr. Jim Nicholas, of Kesteven Court, Carew, who passed away at Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest, on May 25. He was 92.

A native of Llanfallteg, Mr. Nicholas was a long distance lorry driver and more recently a plant operator, before retiring aged 72.

His main interests included gardening and his family. He attended Pembroke Leisure Centre weekly with the Cardiac Group, and was an active member of Capel Mair, Llanfallteg.

He leaves to mourn his wife Sylvia, sons Graham and Michael, daughter Liz, daughters-in-law Stephanie and Janet, grandchildren Robert, Emma, Ben, Sam and Adam, and great-grandson Cohen, along with other family members too numerous to name.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Hywel Brown and Llinos Edwards.

Bearers were Mr. Nicholas's grandchildren, and the principal mourners were family members named above.

There were close family flowers only, with donations in lieu to Wales Air Ambulance, c/o Mr. Graham Thomas, 34 Charles Thomas Avenue, Pembroke Dock.

The funeral arrangements were conducted by E. C. Thomas and Son, Funeral Directors, Zoar Chapel Funeral Home, Llanteg.

MRS. S. J. SKONE PEMBROKE DOCK

The sudden death occurred recently of Sharon Josephine Skone, of Pembroke Dock, at the age of 59. She was the wife of the late Peter Skone and beloved mother of her two sons, Lee and Garran, and Nanny to Gethin.

She was born and raised in Pembroke Dock and was a popular face in the town. She always had time to chat and 'there was always a queue of people waiting to talk to her'.

She attended the Coronation School and upon leaving in 1969 she began working in the former Co-op offices in Albion Square. This was a job that she loved and where she was to meet many lifelong friends. Also around this time she met Peter and on March 16, 1974, they were married in St. John's Church. Shortly after, she gave up work to start a family and over the next few years Lee and Garran were born. The family soon settled in Trinity Road and this remains the family home today.

When her children were old enough to go to school, Sharon went back to work, starting as a cleaner in the Infants Schools and later on working in the school kitchen, first at the Infants and then in the Pembroke Dock Junior School. She spent some very happy years working in the kitchen, making lifelong friendship and having lots of fun at the same time. This was a happy time in her life.

One of the reasons she took the jobs in the school was because she knew that she would be near her children when they were in school, and also with them in the mornings, evenings and on school holidays. The most important thing to her was family.

She never really had any special interests or hobbies, she just enjoyed the simple things in life, like being a mother and wife, and going out for the occasional night out with Peter; usually to one of the Pater Hall dances or down the Pembroke Boro Club.

In 1994, Peter was diagnosed with cancer and Sharon gave up work to nurse him through his illness. She remained strong and positive throughout, supporting her family and Peter until his untimely death a few years later at home surrounded by his family.

A ray of light in her life was her grandson Gethin, 'Nanny's Boy', and we are thankful that she got to spend five precious years with him and dote on him as only a Nanny can. Sharon was also very proud of her two sons

and the men they have become today.

Her death has come as a shock to many people. The affection and esteem in which she was held was evident by the large number of people who attended her funeral which was held at St. John's Church on May 29, followed by interment at Llanion Cemetery.

Left to mourn are: Lee, Sam and Gethin (son daughter-in-law and grandson); Garran and Emma (son and partner); Melva and Deryll (sisters); Darren, Gavin and Sian (nephews and niece); Mr. John Skone and family (brother-in-law); Mrs. Rosie Newton and family (sister-in-law); Mrs. Jane Gale and family (sister-in-law); Auntie Glenys (who was unable to attend).

Also in attendance were a large number of family, cousins and friends too numerous to mention, some of whom had travelled a great distance to attend.

The bearers were: Lee and Garran (sons), Gavin Calver (nephew) and John Skone (brother-in-law).

The funeral arrangements were conducted by E. C. Thomas and Son, Funeral Directors, 31 Stockwell Road, Pembroke Dock.

MR. T. ELLIS SAUNDERSFOOT

The funeral took place on June 3, at Stepside Methodist Chapel, of Mr. Tom Ellis, of Saundersfoot, who passed away on May 20, at South Pems Hospital. He was 79.

A native of Stepside, Tom worked for frozen foods in Tenby.

His main interests included football at Kilgetty Sports Club, and he was also a member of Saundersfoot Rotary Club.

Tom was a steward at Stepside Methodist Chapel.

Predeceased by his wife Maureen in 1999, he leaves to mourn his daughter Tracey, son-in-law Roy, and grandchildren Harry and Emily.

The funeral at Stepside Methodist Chapel, conducted by Rev. Alan Jenkins, was followed by interment at St. Mary's Church, Begelly.

Bearers were Mike John, Des Stone, Peter Williams and Charles Hopkinson.

Principal mourners were: daughter Tracey, son-in-law Roy, and grandchildren Harry and Emily.

There were family flowers only, with donations, if so desired, for Ty Hafan's Childrens Hospice, c/o E. C. Thomas and Son, Funeral Directors, Zoar Chapel Funeral Home, Llanteg, who conducted the funeral arrangements.

MRS. M. H. TURVEY PEMBROKE

The funeral of Mrs. Megan Humber Turvey, of Norgans Terrace, Pembroke, took place at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth, on Wednesday, May 22.

Megan was the youngest of three children, having one brother Eric and one sister Mary, who both predeceased her. She was born in Pembroke on April 5, 1922, but only lived there for a short time before moving to Liverpool with her parents, as her father had secured employment at Alder Hey Hospital.

On leaving school at 14, she joined the staff of Taylors Bakery, as a wages clerk, and it was while working there that she met Alan, who would become her husband. They continued to live in Liverpool, where their only daughter Anne was born, and finally moved back to Pembroke in 1961.

In Pembroke, Megan first worked with her sister in the family shop in Bridgend Terrace, then afterwards worked for Austin Lewis and the newsagents in Main Street, firstly for Mrs. Harrison and finally for D. and H. Townsend.

Megan enjoyed her retirement with Alan and spent many hours looking after her grandchildren, Martyn and Kate. She was very proud of all their achievements and everything they did and followed their lives avidly. She also enjoyed many hobbies, especially knitting and cooking, in which she excelled, also doing crosswords, watching sport and gardening with Alan, passions which they both shared. They were married for 56 years, before he predeceased her 12 years ago.

Latterly she became a proud great-grandmother, 'Grandma', to Lauren and baby Mia, and spent many hours playing games with them and singing to them.

She continued to garden and grow her beloved begonias and also do her crosswords, until failing eyesight, due to macular degeneration, prevented her from doing so.

The principal mourners were Anne and Paul Scourfield (daughter and son-in-law), Martyn and Lauren (grandson and great-granddaughter), Kate, Ben and Mia (granddaughter, partner and great-granddaughter).

The Rev Edward Evans officiated at the service at Parc Gwyn. The bearers were Derek Skone, John Morling, Benjamin Smith and Meredydd Thomas.

There were family flowers only, but if desired, donations in lieu to the Macular Degeneration Society UK may be sent to E. C. Thomas and Son, Zoar Chapel Funeral Home, Llanteg, Narberth.

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