

PETER BALDWIN

Peter James Baldwin of Ryde, Isle of Wight passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord on 20 May 2016. He had had his 90th birthday in January. He was married to the late Rosina for 49 years. They had four children Andrew, Jenny, Stephen and David and four grandchildren, Alissa, Michael, Sarah and Julia.

The interment was at Binstead Cemetery on 16 June, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St James' Church, Ryde. Ill health and the lack of a nearby assembly on the island necessitated his having to avail himself of transport to an evangelical church in Ryde. In his latter months, he was in a residential home.

He was brought up among the brethren and was a competent preacher whose addresses were noted for their directness and simplicity. He was a gentle and humble man but in a crisis could be very strong in defending the truth but without causing any offence or being belligerent. His presentation was always scriptural and well measured. He also had a good sense of humour.

His father, Oswald, was also brethren. They met for worship at Monkton Street Mission, an assembly in which Reg Fox of St Helens was the secretary, and, at one time, they met at West Turretts, Springvale near Seaview with Brother Dollimore and Sisters, Miss Best and Miss West. At another time, there was a meeting in Oakfield High Street which some opined was a Tunbridge Wells meeting but Peter and his family were of Lowe-Kelly Brethren. The closure of assemblies in Ryde occasioned him to go to Lake Green Mission, probably in the mid 1970s, before ill health gradually overtook him and he was dependent on others particularly as his mobility problems increased. But he always had a genuine care for others without being interfering.

It is sad to report the decline of assemblies on the Isle of Wight . Victoria Hall, Cowes, has but two brothers and a sister and Lake Green Mission, now about 30 years old, does adhere to brethren doctrines.

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