

OBITUARY



MICK AYRES - 29 Sept 1929 – 27 January 2023

I have just learned, locally rather than via any Royal British Legion contact, that Mick Ayres, founder of ME Ayres & Sons Ltd, coal merchants/haulage services in Stanhoe had died, aged 94. His funeral took place at All Saints church, on Monday 13th February, with a guard of honour from his former regiment, the Grenadier Guards, in attendance. I had heard from a former Legion branch member that he was deteriorating, but this news was a sad surprise to me, and I was very sorry that the Legion branch was not formally represented, although some individual branch members did attend. The church was apparently packed, with people standing three deep beside the walls. Mick grew up in Stanhoe, married Margaret, the girl next door, and lived here for his entire life - widely respected, hardworking, and always generous