

M.P. Seeks Inquiry into Animal Rescues

Question for Mr. Ede

A SHEFFIELD fireman's death while rescuing a cat from a tree is to be the subject of a question in the House of Commons!

Major Peter Roberts, M.P. for the Heeley Division, is to ask the Home Secretary whether he will institute immediate inquiries into the duties of firemen for the purpose of putting some limitation on the unnecessary risking of life in helping distressed animals.



Carried by colleagues of Fireman Hill, the coffin passes through the lines of firemen on the path to City Road Crematorium.

Nearly 100 Sheffield and district firemen marched to the funeral service at St. Barnabas's Church, Highfield, yesterday to Fireman Colin Hill, aged 39, married with a two-year-old son, who fell to his death while attempting to rescue a cat from a tree near Archer Road, Heeley, on Monday.

Welfare Worker

Traffic was halted by the parade. Former colleagues acted as bearers and among the mourners were Chief Fire Officer H. J. Reynolds and the chairman Councillor A. C. Foulds) and members of Sheffield Fire Brigade committee.

Fireman Hill had worshipped at the church for many years, and was a member of the church council at the time of his death. He had been a member of the choir, and was educated in the day school, also attending the Sunday School.

Of Fireman Hill, who worked on many firemen's committees for children and welfare, the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Revill, said: "Though he was not altogether fond of cats, he gave his life trying to rescue a creature made by God: that was why he took the risk:"

Five Brigades

Family mourners were: Mrs. G Hill (widow). Mr. and Mrs. A. Crossland (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. Hyde (mother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. M. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Bosworth (cousins), Miss Fleetwood and Mrs. Hepworth.

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Councillors A. V. Wolstenholme, F. C. Topliss, S. C. Bradley, and F. Lloyd (members of Sheffield Fire, Brigade Committee) attended.

The procession of firemen, which included men from Rotherham, Barnsley, Doncaster, and the West Riding brigades, was led by, Deputy Chief Fire Officer B. Jones, followed by Assistant Divisional Offices C. Eyre, and Station Officers Stocks, Atkin, Hall and Shelley.

Rotherham Fire Brigade was represented by Chief Officer J. Smith and Station Officer Jowett, and Doncaster's Fire Chief, Mr. H. Jones, was represented by Sub-Officer Leaderham.

Sub-Officer Fretwell represented Barnsley's Fire Chief, Mr. Rumsey, and Station Officer Jackson represented Mr. Farrell, the Chief Officer of the West Riding.

Representatives of the Fire Brigades' Union and administrative staff of Sheffield Fire Brigade headquarters, and the Sheffield branch of the RSPCA also attended.