

Andrew Spence

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General regret was expressed when it became known that Mr. Andrew Spence had passed away at his residence, Stanhope road, on Wednesday, 23rd inst.

Mr. Spence been suffering from bronchitis recently but his condition was not considered serious. He was seized with a violent fit of coughing which affected his heart and he passed away as stated.

The late Mr. Spence was 73 years of age and was the second son of the late Mr. Andrew and Mrs. Lucy Spence, of Fifeshire, Scotland, who came to Australia and settled in Bendigo in 1854, where Mr. Andrew Spence was born on July 16th, 1857.

He came to Rushworth with his parents in 1858 when nine months old and resided in Old Ned's Gully. In 1861 his parents shifted into the township. He started mining with his father at an early age, and afterwards took up land in the Mansfield district in 1892.

He came back to Rushworth in 1920 and settled on the Stanhope road, where he took up farming and contracting. He married Johanna, eldest daughter of the late Dugald and Sarah Cameron of "Lochiel", Rushworth. The late Mr. Spence carried out a lot of contracting work for the Waranga Shire, a great portion of the main road work in the Shire having been done by him.

He was a foundation member of the Rushworth Caledonian Society, in which he took a great interest. He was always ready to help in any public movement and his genial nature made him many friends throughout the town and district, and the familiar figure of "Landy" Spence (as he was generally called) will be greatly missed.

He leaves a widow and four children --- Sarah (Mrs Clarke, Tasmania), Hugh (Junction hotel, Collingwood) James (Commonwealth Bank, Melbourne), Mary (Mrs. D. McLean, Stanhope) and was the brother of Alex. (deceased), James (deceased), Peter and Annie (Mrs. Col. Cameron), Rushworth.

The funeral took place on Friday and was very largely attended, the remains being interred in the Rushworth Cemetery.

The Coffin was borne to the grave under a pall of the Scottish flag, the pallbearers being members of the Rushworth Caledonian Society.

The service at the graveside was conducted by Mr. James Forbes (Presbyterian). Amongst the many floral tributes was a wreath from the Rushworth Caledonian Society.