

## **Charles King**

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A widely known and much respected resident of the Rushworth and Costerfield districts passed away at the former place on Sunday morning last in the person of Mr Charles King.

Deceased suffered from miner's complaint and latterly had been much troubled with his breathing, nevertheless, it was not for a moment thought that he was so near the end.

On Sunday morning he appeared somewhat better and got out of bed. A few minutes later, however, he fell to the floor and expired immediately.

Deceased arrived here over fifty years ago, and could recount many interesting phases of the opening days of the diggings at Bendigo, Heathcote and Rushworth. Later, he settled at Costerfield, and for years worked at the smelting works when the antimony mines of that district were at their best. The great deterioration in the price of this ore resulted in the closing down of these once famous mines and he then removed to Rushworth, where he has resided for the past twenty years.

He was of a jovial disposition, and made friends with all, and the respect in which he was held was apparent on Monday afternoon last, when his remains were interred in the local cemetery.

Deceased, who had been twice married, was 78 years of age. He was the father of nine children, eight of whom are still living. He had 44 grandchildren, and 26 great grand-children, thus leaving a living descendant for every year of his life.

The funeral service was read by the Rev. Mr Walker (Methodist minister). Mr Medhurst had charge of the funeral arrangements.