

## Frank Folvig

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The death occurred at Rushworth on Tuesday evening last, after an illness extending over nearly seven years, of Mr Frank Folvig, eldest son of the late Mr Magnus Folvig and Mrs Folvig, of Moora Road.

The circumstances leading up to the death of deceased are of a particularly pathetic nature, and the suffering which he endured was marvellous, and, fortunately, does not fall to the lot of many men. In October, 1905, deceased was stricken with paralysis while following his occupation as a miner in Gippsland. At this time he was but thirty years of age, and it was pitiful to observe one so young, and a big strong man, afflicted in this manner.

He was brought home, and for some time strong hopes were entertained of his ultimate recovery. A second stroke, however, followed after a time, and he was then in a much worse plight than formerly, for both sides of his body were then affected. He did not show much sign of improvement, in fact his limbs began to contract, his legs drawing right up, and as a last hope he was conveyed to St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne.

This was over three years ago. But the worst was not yet, for while in the hospital he sustained another stroke which deprived him of the power of speech. He was brought home once again, and from then to the time of his death—three whole weary years—he lay a hopeless cripple, his limbs all distorted, unable to speak a word, and practically unable to do a hand's turn on his own.

Further, for a great part of the seven years deceased suffered terribly with rheumatism. Under such conditions death was a glorious relief from his earthly trials. He was of sterling mettle, and bore his troubles with wonderful fortitude, maintaining a hope even to near the last, that he would one day get better.

What his infirmities meant to his mother and sister (the former particularly) can readily be imagined, but they never once relaxed their duties, and no invalid ever received more tender care or unremitting attention.

As a young man deceased was wonderfully well thought of, being of a kind and unassuming disposition. He was also courageous, and some time prior to his own trouble descended a deep and dangerous old fallen-in shaft after a lad who had accidentally fallen down it. He recovered the body, for the boy had been killed in his descent, and was later awarded the Royal Humane Society's medal. **[In November 1895, Folvig recovered the body of Robert Peel, aged 9, following a fall down a mine. Robert Peel is also buried at Rushworth.]**

Deceased was 37 years of age.

The remains were interred in the local cemetery yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Father Dunne conducting the funeral ceremony. The funeral procession was led by members of the Oddfellows Lodge, of which body deceased was a member.