

Mrs Isabella Ann Furphy

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Another link with the pioneers of our district was severed when Mrs I. A. Furphy passed to her long rest after an illness of three weeks, the last week of which she had been confined to her bed. She was the relict of the late Mr Sam Furphy, who predeceased her twelve years ago, and was aged 77 at the time of her death, which occurred on Sunday evening.

Mrs Furphy was born at Newham, near Kyneton, and with her parents, the late Mr and Mrs Thomas Brown, came to reside at Wanalta, about 70 years ago. She was married to Mr Sam Furphy in 1886 and went to reside at Sandhills, Corop, where she has lived ever since.

During her life Mrs Furphy had endeared herself to all who knew her by her kindly and courteous nature, and ever-ready help in time of sickness and trouble. She was interested in charitable work and rendered such service to the Mooroopna Hospital the she had been made a life governor of the institution. She was also a very keen worker for the Presbyterian Church.

Three children, Harry (of Scott and Furphy, consulting engineers of Collins Street, Melbourne), Betty (Mrs Oswald Weppner, jnr., of Colbinabbin), and Charles (Corop) are left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother.

Four brothers, John, Robert, Thomas and George predeceased her and her only sister Beathia (Mrs Oswald Weppner, Wahronga, Colbinabbin East) is the only surviving member of the family.

The mortal remains were followed to their last resting place, in the Rushworth cemetery, by a large number of district residents and the service at the graveside was conducted by Mr A. F. Landers (Presbyterian), Mr Graham Diggle having charge of the funeral arrangements.

The pall bearers were Messrs D. Wileman, D. Stewart, W. S. Furphy, T. W. Brown, A. C. Williams, C. W. Furphy, R. V. Weppner, and O. Weppner; the coffin bearers Messrs G. O. Brown, L. C. Brown, J. C. Brown, R. Furphy, F. R. Stewart, and R. Weppner, and the flower bearers Messrs H. Stewart, H. Wileman, T. R. Brown, W. Furphy, H. Brown, B. Weppner, A. Brown, N. West, J. Leith, E. Few, G. Weppner, B. Weppner and J. Pineo.

Among the numerous floral tributes were wreaths from the Corop branch of the Women's Section United Country Party, of which Mrs Furphy had been an active member and president for several years, and the Colbinabbin Tennis Association.