

James Johnson

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It is with feelings of regret that we record the death of Mr James Johnson, which took place at his brother's (Mr W. Johnson's) residence, Rushworth, on Sunday morning last.

Deceased, who was the third eldest son of the late Mr W. Johnson, was a native of Rushworth.

For the greater part of his life he followed the occupation of a miner, and was another victim to the dreaded miners' complaint. About two years ago, finding that mining was injuriously affecting him, he secured a lease of the Great Southern hotel, Rutherglen, and removed there with his wife and family.

Later he took a hotel at Lancefield, but the change was a bad one, as the climate was too severe for him under his affliction. He gradually became worse, and in the hope that the change would prove beneficial was brought back to Rushworth six weeks ago.

Although he rallied for a time the change was of no avail, and he passed away as stated. During his residence in Rushworth deceased was for many years associated with the band and fire brigade, and was a valued member. The members of the brigade, under Captain Coyle, led the funeral procession, the firemen's burial service being read at the graveside by Fireman Rich.

Deceased was very straightforward in all his actions, and also of a kind and obliging disposition, thus he was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

He was only a young man, but 43 years of age, and general regret is expressed at his early demise.

He had an extensive family connection, being brother to Messrs W. and E. Johnson (Rushworth), Mrs G. Mundy (Shepparton), Mrs Jno. Holden and Mrs F. Riley (Melbourne), and Mrs W. Wigg (West Australia). He leaves a wife and family of six children to mourn their great loss, and for them much sympathy is felt.

The funeral, which took place on Wednesday afternoon, was very largely attended. The Rev. J. R. Walker conducted the funeral service while Mr Geo. Mundy had charge of the mortuary arrangements.