John Lavender

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A very old and respected resident of the Rushworth district in the person of Mr. John Lavender passed away at the Mooroopna Hospital on Friday last, 19th inst., at the age of 80 years.

The deceased has been in ill health for over two years past, having been seized with a paralytic stroke some time ago. A few days ago he was taken to the Mooroopna Hospital, where he died as stated.

The late Mr. Lavender was born in Upminster, Essex, England, and came to Australia about 50 years ago.

He was a resident of Rushworth for over 30 years, and was engaged in mining and afterwards in the wood industry.

He was a man of great strength and was reputed to be the strongest man in the Goulburn Valley.

He leaves a family of four daughters and one son, all of whom are married -- Ada (Mrs. F. Wall), Alice (Mrs. W. Emanuelli), Annie (Mrs. G. Akers), Esther (Mrs. J. W. Potter) and Charles.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lavender predeceased her husband some time ago.

The funeral took place on Tuesday last, the remains being brought from Mooroopna and interred in the Rushworth Cemetery.