

Martin Roche

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After a long period of suffering of over 2 and ½ years, Mr. Martin Roche passed to his last long rest at the Mooroopna Hospital on Tuesday morning last.

His long illness was borne with a spirit of cheerfulness which was characteristic of his outlook.

The sympathy of the district goes out to the family in the loss of their father following so closely on that of their mother whose death occurred just four months ago.

The late Mr. Roche, who was 65 years of age, had lived a quiet life and was of a retiring disposition, but will be mourned by a wide circle of friends in whose esteem he found a place by his honesty of purpose and integrity.

The deceased gentleman was born at Epping and came to Rushworth from Narrican, Gippsland, in 1923, to work on the construction of the channels in this district. Later he engaged in mining until his illness precluded him from following any vocation.

He was the eldest son of Mr. John and the late Bridget Roche and was married to Miss Winifred Dwyer, of Kilmore, who predeceased him four months ago, in 1913.

Two daughters, Eileen and Winifred, and two sons, Jack and James, are left to mourn the loss of a devoted father. His father, Mr. John Roche, two brothers, William and James, and one sister, Esther (Mrs. P. Wood) also survive him.

The funeral was conducted to the Rushworth cemetery on Wednesday last, the last rites of the Church being performed by Rev. Father Tehan.

The pall-bearers were Messrs J. Koopman, M. Quirk, H. Abikair, C. Toohey, J. Morgan and M. Connally, and the casket was borne to the grave by Messrs J. Roche (brother), Jack Roche (son), Jack and Frank Hageman, J. Connolly and C. Parfrey.

The mortuary arrangements were in the hands of Messrs Hilder and Kittle.