

Mr. Archibald Darby

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We regret to announce the death of a well-known and highly respected resident of Rushworth in the person of Mr. Archibald Darby, whose death took place on Saturday last, at the age of 70 years.

Although his illness was of long duration, his death came as a great shock to his widow and relatives.

The deceased was the fourth son of the late Robert and Anne Darby, who selected land at Rushworth in the early days and who later, was the proprietor of the "Foresters' Arms", was also rate collector and valuer for the Shire.

The late Mr. Darby was born at Rushworth and spent his school days there. At the age of 28 years, he married Miss. Ellen Miller of Dunolly, there being no family of the union.

As a young man he was manager of the Derby Bros. cordial factory for a number of years. He then purchased the Rushworth Hotel and held it until his retirement in 1938.

He took a keen interest in all sporting activities in the district, and was a very keen bowler, and gave every assistance to the welfare of the town and district.

He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and one brother, Edward (Kew), and one sister (Mrs. Hill), to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth Cemetery and the funeral was largely attended. Over 30 floral tributes received, including one from the Bowling Club and one from the Croquet Club.

The Rev. C. H. Partridge, Church of England, officiated, while the funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Graham Diggie of Seymour. Messrs T. C. Quirk, L. Dooling, W. Hill, C. Darby, S. Jonas, F. Lyndon, A. Lever, M. Power were pall-bearers; Messrs R. Long, M. Ryan, S. Armstead, J. Darby, M. Catlin, coffin-bearers; and Messrs C. T. Quirk jnr., A. Hill, T. Coyle, G. Coulter, Coy, C. King, Clyde, H. Catlin flower-bearers.