

Mr. Gerald Brice

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Quite a gloom was cast over Rushworth and district when it became known that Mr. Gerald Brice had passed to his long rest on Tuesday last, at the Rushworth Bush Nursing Hospital, at the early age of 28 years, after an illness extending over eight weeks.

Such was the nature of his illness that despite the best medical attention and careful nursing, he gradually became weaker until he passed peacefully away. During his illness the deceased displayed wonderful courage and fortitude and made a brave fight to live for his loved ones. Possessing a generous and kindly nature and an exceedingly obliging disposition, he had accumulated a large circle of friends and his untimely death robs the community of one who was held in high estimation by all who knew him.

Born at Rushworth in 1912, Gerald was the youngest son of Mrs. F. E. Brice and the late Mr. Philip Brice of the Royal Hotel, and had lived here all his life. On 27th March of last year, he was married to Miss Lillian Agnes Woodlock, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodlock of Nagambie, and resided at Murchison Road, Rushworth.

He had always been keenly interested in sport and had been secretary to the Rushworth Gun Club for a number of years, occupying this position at the time of his death. He was also a keen cricketer and had been a member of the Rushworth Fire Brigade.

Besides a sorrowing wife and mother, the deceased leaves three brothers, George (Melbourne), Leslie (A.I.F. abroad) and Reginald, to mourn the loss of a devoted husband, son and brother, and the sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved relatives in their great and sad loss.

The respect in which the deceased was held was shown by the large number of friends who followed his mortal remains to their last resting place at the Rushworth Cemetery on Wednesday last, and the number of beautiful floral tributes which adorned the oak casket.

Prior to the funeral a short service was held at St Mary's R.C. Church by Rev. Father Simmonds, of Tatura, who also officiated at the graveside.

The mortuary arrangements were capably handled by Messrs Hilder and Kittle.

Coffin bearers were Messrs E. Woodlock, F. C. Galbraith, R. Long, J. Rhodes, R. Clayton and G. R. Townsend, and the pallbearers were Messrs J. J. Sheehan, H. J. Squires, J. Woodlock, Ray Woodlock, C. Ferguson and G. Collard.

The floral tributes were carried by Messrs A. Oliver, T. J. Coyle, W. Pettifer, Len Coyle, W. Miller, J. Miller and C. Parfrey.