

Mrs. James Laurie

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The large circle of friends of Mrs. James Laurie received a painful shock when they learned that she had passed suddenly away on Thursday last week, May 5th.

Mrs Laurie had suffered for some years with heart attacks, but was in her usual health on the day of her death. She retired at her usual hour, and was reading in bed when she felt ill and went into her daughter's room. Her daughter assisted her mother to a chair when she suddenly collapsed and died in a few seconds.

The late Mrs. Laurie was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Crilly. She was born in Bendigo in June, 1855, and came, with her parents, to Rushworth at the age of three years. She married James Laurie, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Laurie, of Kyneton, and resided at "Sutton Glen", Wanalta, up to the time of her death.

She made a host of friends by her kindly nature and was a woman who won the respect and esteem of all with whom she came in contact, and the community is the poorer with her death. She was a lover of flowers and never so happy as when in her picturesque garden, and gave many of beautiful blooms away to friends and neighbours.

The late Mrs. Laurie was also an expert on making up fancy work, being very proficient with the needle.

She leaves two sons (William R. and Gordon), her husband who was accidentally killed in 1892, and three sons --- Thomas, George and John S. (late A.I.F.) having predeceased her, and two daughters, Sis and Dollie (Mrs. Sid. Furphy, Shepparton). She had 10 grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the remains being interred in the Rushworth Cemetery, the casket being followed to the grave by a large number of people from the town and district.

The burial service was conducted by Mr. J. Forbes (Presbyterian) and Mr. E. F. Anderson carried out the funeral arrangements. There were many floral tributes.