

Mrs Margaret Walbran

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Widespread regret was manifest in Rushworth on Wednesday last when it became known that Mrs M. Walbran, of the storekeeping firm of M. Walbran & Son, had passed away during the early hours of the morning.

It was only a few days previously that Mrs Walbran became indisposed and found it necessary to requisition the services of Dr Christie, who at once recognised the trouble to be of a grave nature. Later on an operation was performed, under consultation with Dr Florance, of Mooroopna.

Temporary relief was thereby afforded, but it was seen that death was inevitable. The end was not long coming, the cause of death being acute intestinal obstruction. Deceased, who was 74 years of age, was a very old identity, having resided in Rushworth some time prior to her marriage with the late Mr W. C. Walbran in 1861.

Her husband died in July, 1892, and for years the business was carried on in her name. Eventually she took her son into partnership.

Deceased, although of an unostentatious nature, was truly a benevolent spirit, and in the cause of charity was a ready and willing helper. Where a person worked so quietly and unassumingly as did Mrs Walbran the extent of her beneficence is hard to gauge, but there are probably few ladies in Victoria who have done more, from their own private resources, towards succouring the poor and needy. She was of the kindest disposition imaginable, extremely benevolent, with the further highly meritorious virtue that secrecy was the guide of all her charitable undertakings.

Knowing all this is it any wonder that regret is widespread at her demise. Deceased leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn her death, viz., Messrs J. C. and Geo. Walbran, Mrs Tulloh (Kyabram), and Misses Clara and Mary Walbran, and for them sympathy is expressed in their bereavement.

The remains were interred in the local cemetery yesterday afternoon, there being a very large attendance of mourners. The Rev. J. Weir conducted the service at the grave.

The funeral cortege was headed by the Rushworth brass band, playing The Dead March in Saul. As a further mark of respect the whole of the business places of the town closed for the funeral.

A memorial service will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening.

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Margaret Walbran, of Rushworth, widow, who died on November 23, by her will dated January 20, 1908, left realty of the value of £1,229, and £4,985 to her children.