

Mrs Margaret McCrae

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The sudden death of Mrs. Margaret McCrae, wife of Mr John McCrae, of Rushworth, which occurred recently, severs yet another link with the early pioneering families of the Rushworth district.

Mrs. McCrae was taken ill over the week-end and was removed to the Bush Nursing Hospital, where it was found an operation was imperative. The operation was [performed] successfully on Tuesday of last week, but the shock was too great for the old lady's system and she died about 4.30 p.m. Mrs. McCrae was 71 years of age.

Mrs. McCrae was a member of one of the oldest families of the Rushworth district. She was a daughter of the late James and Eliza McWhinney, of Corop. She married Mr. John McCrae in 1883, and resided with him on their farm at Moora until 1922, when they retired to Rushworth.

Although of a retiring disposition, Mrs. McCrae had a host of friends, who will remember her many kindnesses. A home-loving and gentle woman, she was always eager to help neighbours and friends when trouble overtook them, and her practical help and sympathy at such times endeared her to many. She was a devoted wife and mother, and great sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband and family in their great loss.

The children are William (Rushworth), James (Yarram), Sarah (Mrs. S. Morris, Stanhope), and Irene (Mrs. G. W. Hawking, Rushworth). The late Mrs. McRae is survived also by one sister, Mrs. Geo. Baker, of Shepparton, deceased members of her family being Mrs. Jas. Ristrom and James, John, Thomas and Hughie McWhinney.

The burial took place in Rushworth Cemetery on Wednesday of last week, Mr. A. F. Landers performing the last rites. The coffin-bearers were Messrs. Mat. Ryan, Albert Boyd, P. H. Peart and J. W. Poulson.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by E. F. Anderson.

A memorial service was held at Rushworth Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening.