

Mrs. Mary Ann Lewis

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The death of Mrs. Mary Ann Lewis on Sunday evening last [31 December, 1939], after a very short illness, came as a shock to her many friends in Rushworth and district.

Mrs. Lewis had been in her usual state of health and following her usual household occupation until a few days prior to her death and her sudden demise will be regretted by a very wide circle of friends.

The deceased lady, who was 73 years of age at the time of her death, had resided in Rushworth for over 50 years and during that time had performed many acts of kindness, being ever willing to lend a helping hand in time of trouble. Her obliging and courteous nature had made for her a wide circle of friends who will miss from their midst a friend in the truest form.

The late Mrs. Lewis was born in Costerfield in 1860 and was a daughter of the late Bridget and George Hall, with whom she came to Rushworth in the early 80's. In her early life in Rushworth the deceased lady followed the occupation of dress maker in the employ of Wolton Wigg for a number of years.

Later she married Mr. Thomas Lewis, of Linton, near Ballarat, who predeceased her some 30 years ago.

Mrs. Lewis has been associated with many charitable movements in Rushworth and took a very keen interest in local church matters.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by one son Ernest, of Queanbeyan, and two daughters, Dora (Mrs. C. Day, Cobram) and Nellie (Mrs. R. F. Cocks), who deeply mourn the loss of a devoted mother. Two brothers, Robert Hall (Rushworth) and Geo. Hall (Tatura), also survive her.

The funeral was conducted from St. Mary's Church to the Rushworth cemetery where the mortal remains were interred, the last rites of the church being read by Rev. Father Tehan, who officiated at the graveside. The mortuary arrangements were in the hands of Messrs Hilder and Kittle.

The casket was borne to the grave by Messrs J. Robertson (nephew), Clive Day and R. F. Cocks (sons-in-law), C. J. LeRoy, J. Connolly and J. Roche.