

## **Mrs Ruth Jane Smith**

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Deep regret was manifested in the town when it was learned that Mrs. Ruth Jane Smith, wife of Mr. F. J. Smith, had passed away at her residence, Stanhope road, Rushworth, at the age of 68 years.

The late Mrs. Smith, who did not enjoy robust health during the past few years, failed during the past few months and gradually sank and passed peacefully away in the early hours of Sunday morning last.

The deceased was born in Melbourne in 1865 and married Mr. F. J. Smith in 1891, their married life thus extending over a period of 42 years.

After her marriage Mrs. Smith came to Rushworth with her husband where she has resided ever since.

She took a great interest in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the Ladies' Guild for many years. During the war years she was an enthusiastic worker for the Red Cross, and also for the Ministering Children's League.

She was an ideal wife and mother, of a kindly disposition and devoted her life to her husband and family. She made hosts of friends who mourn with her husband and family the loss of a good Christian woman.

She leaves her husband and two sons and three daughters --- Fred (late A.I.F., Girgarre), Victor (Rushworth), Grace (Mrs. E. J. James, Newlyn), Olive (Mrs. R. Kelly, Eastville), and Ruth. Egbert (late 9th Light Horse, A.I.F.) and Stanley, pre-deceased their mother.

The funeral took place on Monday last, the remains being followed to their last resting place, the Rushworth Cemetery, by a large number of residents.

Prior to the funeral a service was held at the house by Mr. Michell (Presbyterian), who also conducted the service at the grave.

Amongst the many beautiful floral tributes was a wreath from the staff and pupils of the Rushworth H. E. School, Mr. E. J. James (son-in-law of Mr. and the late Mrs. Smith), having been on the teaching staff of the school.

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