

Very deep regret was felt throughout the district, when it became known that Mrs Isabella Coyle, wife of Mr. E. A. Coyle, M.L.A., of Rushworth, had passed away at Rushworth B.N.A. Hospital on Sunday morning last.

Her death came as a shock to her relatives and friends, as although she had not enjoyed good health for a long time and several days previously had underwent [sic] a severe operation, her demise was not anticipated. Mrs. Coyle had come through the operation successfully and late on Saturday night her medical attendants reported her to be in excellent condition. However, towards morning she collapsed and died in a few hours.

The late Mrs. Coyle was 56 years of age. She was born at Rushworth, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. McDonald. Although of a retiring disposition, she possessed many fine qualities, including a large fund of kindness that made friends of all who came into contact with her. She was a devoted wife and mother, and the greatest sympathy is felt for Mr. Coyle in the loss of his life's partner and with the children and relatives.

The children are Len, Eileen (Mrs. W. H. Lambden) and Alec. She is also survived by five brothers, viz, Donald (Korumburra), Bill (Rushworth), Harry and Albert (New Zealand) and Alex. (Rushworth).

The remains were laid to rest in the Rushworth cemetery on Monday afternoon, the funeral following a short service at Rushworth Church of England. The cortege was a very lengthy one and the attendance at the graveside exceptionally large and representative. The last rites were performed by Rev. H. F. Goss.

The beautiful, polished casket was borne to the grave by Messrs F. W. Collins, Jas. Collins, J. H. Wootton and W. G. Paynter. The pall-bearers were Messrs E. F. Lyndon, Geo. Collie, C. Brown, J. Barlow, E. Clark and W. B. Clark.

There were many beautiful floral wreaths which were carried by Messrs J. Johnstone, L. Cameron, V. Barlow, C. G. Stewart, J. Barlow, F. Cattlin, J. Lee and S. Barlow. The hearse was preceded to the grave by about thirty gentlemen, representative of the different branches of the United Country Party in Waranga Electorate.

Amongst those who paid their respects at the graveside were the Hon. A. L. Lind, M.L.A., Minister of Lands and Forests, representing the Government of Victoria; Mr. F. E. Wanke, Sergeant at Arms, representative of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. W. H. Everard, M.L.A., Mr P. T. Pook, Clerk of the Legislative Council, representing the President of the Legislative Council, Sir Frank Clarke, M.L.C., Mr. John McEwen, M.H. R., and members of the local branches of the United Country Party.

Amongst the floral tributes were wreaths from the Government of Victoria, the Australian Estates Coy. Ltd., citizens of Elmore, combined branches United Country Party, Elmore and Rushworth Croquet Club.

Included in the great many messages of sympathy received by Mr. Coyle were telegrams from the leaders of all political parties and individual members of the Houses of Parliament. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Whitaker and Diggle.