

## **Mrs. Elizabeth A. Johansen**

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We regret to announce the death of another old pioneer of the Rushworth district in the person of Mrs Elizabeth Alice Johansen, widow of the late Andrew Johansen, of Moora Road, Rushworth, whose death took place of Mooroopna Hospital on Sunday last.

Although the deceased had not enjoyed good health for some months past, her death came as a great shock to her family and relatives. The deceased lady was the eldest daughter of the late John and Matilda Darby of Majorca, in the Maryborough district. Her father was a well-known president of the Shire of Craigie and prominent hotel proprietor.

The deceased was born at Majorca where she also spent her school days. As a young woman she came to Rushworth and resided with her uncle, Mr. S. Darby. At the age of 21 years, she married James Spence, of Rushworth, and there were four children of the union, three daughters and one son.

In later years she married Andrew Johansen, of Rushworth, and there were four sons and two daughters of that union. Her late husband predeceased her over 25 years ago.

During her life the deceased paid great attention to her family, and she was very popular and highly respected in the district. She leaves to mourn her loss five sons, Leslie (Stanhope), Jack (Richmond), Hector (Eildon Weir), Alf (Seymour), Fred (Rushworth), and five daughters, Ethel (Mrs. Mason, Hampton), Alice (Mrs. Gaborit, Berwick), Edith (Mrs. Willis, Sydney), Marie (Mrs Daws, Elsternwick), Olive (Mrs. Hayton, Brighton) together with 25 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, together with one brother, H. Darby, of Rushworth, to whom we tend our deepest sympathy.

Numerous floral tributes were received, and the remains left the Presbyterian Church, Rushworth, for the local cemetery where the remains were interred in the family grave. Rev. Blackney officiated at the graveside and the funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Graham Diggle of Seymour.

The coffin-bearers were Messrs H., J. and F. Johansen. The pallbearers were Messrs H. Lynch, W. Dixon, M. Quirk, G. Brice, F. Rumble, J. Lyons and E. Collins.

Flower-bearers were Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Darroch, Mrs. W. Reid, and Mrs. J. Pearce.