

Mrs. Mary Ann Downing

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The death of Mrs. Mary Ann Downing, at the Mooroopna Hospital on Friday morning last came as a shock to the residents of Rushworth.

Mrs. Downing had been in indifferent health for [words obscured] but the illness did not appear to be of a serious nature until shortly before her demise.

The deceased lady was well-known and highly respected in Rushworth and by her kindly disposition and generous nature, had accumulated many friends who will sincerely regret her passing.

Born at Bung Bong on 17th June, 1866, Mrs. Downing lived in Maryborough in her younger days, where she was married to the late Mr. H. Beck.

In 1909 she was married to the late Mr. J. Downing and lived in Goldsborough for 18 years after which she came to reside at Rushworth.

Mrs. Downing leaves four sons, Son (Adelaide), Chris (Ballarat), Edward (Maribyrnong) and Arthur (Rushworth) and one daughter, Mary (Mrs. L. Judge, East Malvern) to mourn the loss of a devoted mother.

The funeral was conducted to the Rushworth Cemetery, a short service being held at Mr. A. Beck's home by Mr. G. F. Draffin (Presbyterian), who also read the burial service at the graveside.

The mortuary arrangements were carried out by Messrs Kittle Bros.

The coffin-bearers were the deceased lady's four sons, Messrs S., E., C. and A. Beck, and two stepsons, Messrs W. and J. Downing.