

Richard Darby

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General regret was expressed in Rushworth when word was received that Mr. Richard Darby had passed away at his residence, Shepparton, in Friday last, 22nd inst.

Mr Darby had not been in good health for some time past, and he gradually became worse until death ensued as stated.

The late Mr. Richard Darby, who was 64 years of age at the time of his death, was born in Rushworth, and was the eldest son of Mr. Septimus Darby, a well-known resident of this town.

When a lad he was employed by the late Mr. Geo. Anderson at his blacksmithing establishment, until he was about 18 years of age, when he went to Melbourne and was apprenticed to P. G. Dixon, cordial and soda water manufacturer.

After having learnt that business he went to Mooroopna and started business there as a cordial manufacturer.

Some time after he purchased the soda water business of Mr. H. Palling, and resided in Shepparton up till the time of his death.

The late Mr. R. Darby was a good "sport" and a man who made many friends.

He held the positions of President of the Shepparton Racing Club, President of the Shepparton Coursing Club, President of the Shepparton Football Club, and was interested in other sporting clubs in the district.

He was of a very charitable and generous disposition, and gave liberally to any cases of distress which were brought under his notice, especially in the case of children.

He leaves one son, a daughter having died in infancy.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the remains being brought from Shepparton by the midday train for interment in the Rushworth cemetery where several of his (Mr. Darby's) relations are buried. The funeral was attended by a large number of Rushworth residents.

The service by the grave side was conducted by Rev. F. Grist (Anglican). The coffin was covered by a number of beautiful floral tributes.