

## Robert Stewart

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We regret to record the death of a very well-known district figure in the person of Mr. Robert Alexander Stewart of "Sandhills", Corop, who passed away at a private hospital in Bendigo on Sunday last.

Mr. Stewart was 61 years of age; he had been suffering from affection of the heart for some time and it was this trouble that caused his demise.

The passing of Mr Stewart leaves a distinct gap in the community, and is mourned by a host of friends. He was a fine man in every respect, being greatly admired for his absolute integrity in all matters, his genial nature and his great kindness, which was reflected in a legion of actions for the help and succour of others. He deserved and was accorded the respect of all sections of the community.

Born at Kyneton, the late Mr. Robert Stewart was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart, and came to this district as a lad when his parents took up land at Burrumboot.

On his father's death, while in his early manhood, he took over the management of the family property, which he carried on with marked success. His father was a councillor of the Waranga Shire for a number of years and was also president. Mr. Robert Stewart was pressed on several occasions to enter municipal life but always declined.

Mr. Stewart married Miss Violet Sprunt, thus uniting two of the pioneer families of the district. He is survived by a sorrowing widow and two children, Jesse and Donald, who mourn the loss of a most devoted husband and father.

One brother (Donald, Burrumboot East) and three sisters (Mrs. J. G. Spain and Mrs. C. McGrath (Kyneton) and Miss Annie Stewart of Prahran) also survive him.

The remains were interred in the Rushworth Cemetery on Monday last, the service being conducted by Mr. A. F. Landers.

The large and widely representative attendance at the graveside, despite the shortness of notice given, was a tribute to the admiration felt for the deceased.