

## **Tom Maher**

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One of Rushworth's most popular identities passed away when Mr. Tom Maher went to his long rest at the Mooroopna Hospital on Friday evening last after an illness of some few weeks duration, at the early age of 51 years.

The late Mr. Maher was a native of Ireland, and leaves two sisters at Home to mourn the loss of a devoted brother. His demise is also regretted by a large number of friends in the town and district.

Shortly after the Great War, Mr. Maher, along with two friends, came to Australia, and soon after his arrival in the Commonwealth visited Stanhope, where he resided for some time.

About eight years ago he entered the employ of Mr. A. Darby at the Hotel Rushworth, as barman, and during this time, by his courteous nature and obliging disposition, he formed many lasting and sincere friendships.

The large attendance at the funeral gave evidence of the esteem in which the deceased was held and the profusion of beautiful floral tributes came from all sections of the community.

The funeral arrangements were carried out with decorum by Messrs. Hilder and Kittle, and the last rites of the Catholic Church were performed by Rev. Father Tehan.

The coffin-bearers were: Messrs. G. Wilson, C. Watson, G. Coulter, G. Hawking, E. Shaw.

The pall-bearers: Messrs. W. Long, R. Long, F. Ahearn, C. LeRoy, J. Connelly, J. Robinson, and the flower bearers: Messrs. J. Laracy and C. Williams.