

## **William Darby**

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The remains of the once robust and healthful William Darby were laid to rest in the Rushworth cemetery on Saturday last.

We might safely say that the whole of the adult male portion of the residents of the township joined in the obsequies. There were also many visitors from Murchison, Moorilim, Tatura and other outlying places present, the cortege being one of the largest seen in Rushworth for many a long day.

The procession was headed by the Rushworth Brass Band playing the Dead March in Saul. Next came the Foresters' Lodge, of which the deceased was a member; then the hearse containing the remains, encased in a richly ornamented casket. This was followed by the deceased's buggy, drawn by his favorite ponies, and loaded with floral wreaths (many of them being very rich and beautiful for this season of the year), the tender tributes of affection from his brother Foresters and other friends from far and near.

Next came the balance of the mourners, between 300 and 400. A large number of the gentler sex assembled in the cemetery. Arrived at the family burial ground, and the coffin having been laid over the grave, the Rev. J. R. Walker read the service in a most impressive manner, Mr Ayers afterwards reading the Foresters' service.

This brought to a close the obsequies of one whose good nature and charitable disposition will make his loss felt in many a poor home.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Darby, who naturally feels the loss of her younger son very severely, and also for the other members of the family.

DEATH.

DARBY.—On the 9th inst., at Rushworth, William, the beloved son of Mrs H. Darby. 32 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

DARBY.—In sad and loving remembrance of my dear father, J. S Darby, who died on the 19th January, 1893, after a short but painful illness.

"So loved, so mourned." M.B.

MRS H. DARBY and Family wish to convey their heart-felt thanks to their many friends for their kind sympathy, letters, telegrams and floral tributes during their recent sad bereavement, and also to the members of the Rushworth brass band for the kindness displayed by the members.