

William Henry Long

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Residents of Rushworth and district received a painful shock when it became known that Mr. William H. Long had passed to his long rest on Saturday night last at 11 o'clock.

The deceased gentleman had not been in the best of health for some time but his condition was not regarded as serious and he had only been confined to his bed from the Monday prior to his death.

His passing robs the community of one who might truly be said to be one of nature's gentlemen and it will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends in Rushworth and district.

The late Mr. Long, who came to Rushworth in April, 1928, and has since then been the licensee of the Hotel Rushworth, had, by his upright character and generous and obliging disposition, filled a place of high standing in the community and was held in great esteem by all who knew him.

Born at Fairfield in 1878, the deceased gentleman was 61 years of age at the time of his sad and sudden death. On the death of his parents he left Fairfield to reside in Maryborough, afterwards going to Gippsland. Before coming to Rushworth he had resided at Diamond Creek and Preston.

In his earlier life the late Mr. Long, who was a mining assayer, had been actively associated with the mining industry in many mines in Victoria and he had been connected nearly all his life with mining and assaying.

In 1908 he was married to Miss Ellen Butler, elder daughter of Mr. James and Mrs. Katherine Butler, at Heidelberg, and is survived by a sorrowing wife and three sons, Keith (Father Vincent Long O.F.M.), Ralph and Gordon, and one daughter, Nelle, who mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father.

The deceased gentleman also leaves two sisters, Mrs. M. Barker, of Orbost, and Miss M. Long, of Kew, and the sympathy of the whole town and district goes out to the bereaved relatives.

On Monday, at 8 a.m., a Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Rushworth, by Rev. Father Vincent Long, and the funeral was conducted to the Rushworth Cemetery on Monday afternoon, the last rites of the church being performed by Rev. Father Vincent Long, O.F.M., assisted by Rev. Father Tehan, O.F.M. The large number of local and district residents who followed the mortal remains to their last resting place bore testimony to the high regard in which the deceased was held in this district.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Grigg and Diggle.

The casket was borne to the grave by Gunrs. H. Barlow and J. M. Tobin and Messrs C. Clyne, J. Barlow jnr., F. Hill and H. Forde, and the pall-bearers were Messrs. J. Barlow senr., N. J. Power, J. Holland, T. Quirk, H. Moffat and T. Ralph.

The floral tokens of sympathy were carried by Messrs. C. Ryan, V. Barlow, J. Ryan, J. Sheehan and R. Stewart.