

WILLIAM ROBERT
LAURIE

OBITUARY

82 YRS WILLIAM ROBERT

The death occurred at Mooroopna Hospital on July 11 of 'William Robert Laurie, of Hume street, Rushworth,' at the age of 82 years.

The late Mr Laurie had lived in the Moora district all his life, his father and grandfather having both selected land there.

A son of the late James and Sarah Laurie, he was born at "Sutton Glen," where, after his school days at Moora South school, he and his brothers worked the farm, his father having died at an early age.

In 1913 he married Emma Hammond at Waranga, and settled at "Kardella," close to his original home, and continued with his farming pursuits. He took part in district activities, and was keenly interested in all sport, but cricket was his first love. He played in the local competition for many years and took part in several cricket Country Weeks, including the first one ever to be played in Melbourne.

Eight years ago he retired from the farm and moved to Rushworth where he resided until his death.

His wife and four children — Jessie (Mrs F. McLean), Jack, Ron and Bruce—are left to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father, also five grandchildren. Two sisters and four brothers predeceased him.

Mr Laurie's kindly nature endeared him to a

wide circle of friends, and many paid tribute on Wednesday afternoon of last week when his funeral took place at the Rushworth cemetery, following a service in the Presbyterian Church conducted by Rev J. G. Evans.

Coffin bearers were F. McLean (son-in-law), Jim Laurie, J. and L. Furphy, A. Hammond (nephews) and G. Ritchie (cousin).

Pall bearers were L. Lawrie, L. Risstrom, H. Meagher, A. Spence, S. Furphy, W. Furphy, F. Geisler and S. Barlow.