

Teacher Of Famous Singers Dies

The death of Mrs. Miriam Cameron, of Baillie Street, Horsham, has removed one of Horsham's best known residents, and one who was known throughout Australia.

Wherever singers gathered, her name was held in high esteem and it was due to her efforts in the sphere of music that Horsham became known as the home of many fine singers.

Among her most famous students were Miss Victoria Anderson of the English Duo fame (Misses Victoria Anderson and Viola Morris), Miss Joan Jones, Sun Aria winner, Miss Nancy Studley and Miss Dawn Harding.

These are but a few who have brought honor to their home town and former teacher, and there are hundreds of others who came

from all parts of the Wimmera to receive tuition.

Formerly Miss Miriam Matthews, she was born at Ballarat 71 years ago and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Matthews, her father being a well known mine manager in the early days.

She was married at South Melbourne to Mr. Thomas Cameron, and came to Horsham in 1907.

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Since then she had not only taught singing, but had also given most generously of her talents for the benefit of innumerable charitable causes. In all of these she was assisted by her husband, who is also widely known for his outstanding musical ability.

During World War 1 she gave great assistance in concerts for patriotic funds and for many years had arranged concerts in various parts of the Wimmera.

The late Mrs. Cameron was a foundation member of the Horsham Music Club, and had held the office of vice-president for a number of years. She was made a life member of the club some years ago and former students and club members honored her

and club members honored her with the presentation of a china cabinet and tea service on this occasion.

As a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church she had given invaluable help, particularly as a member of the choir for many years.

The late Mrs. Cameron had been in ill health for some time, but her sudden death came as a shock to her many friends and the hundreds of others who knew her.

She is survived by her husband and the following family: Miriam Ellison (Mrs. N. J. Lamb, Mildura), James (Devonport, Tasmania), Margaret Shirley (Mrs. A. S. Phillrick, Melbourne) and Rounaleyn Hilary (Mrs. J. D. Brannelly, Port Hedland, W.A.). One son, Thomas, died in the Middle East as a member of the 2nd A.I.F.

The funeral left St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church after a service conducted by Mr. R. L. Cannon, who also officiated at the Horsham Cemetery.

The coffin-bearers were Messrs W. R. Lawrence, M.H.R., J. Sawyer, A. E. Watts, H. LePlastrier, C. W. Dougall and H. Sanders. The funeral arrangements were by S. and M. Tippett.