

Bell Tolled at Harkaway Funeral

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MRS. WANKE.

Friends and relatives from near and far attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Bertha Nathalie Wanke, which took place in the Harkaway Cemetery on Monday of last week.

As a tribute to this grand old lady the old bell at the Harkaway Cemetery was tolled until the cortege arrived at the gates.

The late Mrs. Wanke was born on the property where she died, and was aged 93 years and four months at the time of her death. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Aurisch.

At the age of 22 years she was married at Harkaway to Mr. Immanuel Wanke, and she was the mother of nine sons and six daughters. Six sons, Herman, Oscar, Arthur, Teddie, Bert and Harold, and two daughters, Minnie (Mrs. Blucher) and Adelaide (Mrs. Blobel) survive, and the district mourns with them in the loss of a grand mother and citizen of such long standing.

A service was held at her late home, "Hillcroft," Narre Warren, by Rev. J. J. W. Scott, on Monday afternoon, and at the conclusion the lengthy cortege proceeded to the Harkaway cemetery, where a large gathering assembled to pay a last tribute to this grand old lady.