

**Catholic Freeman's Journal (Sydney, NSW : 1933 - 1942), Thursday 20 May 1937, page 42****MR. OWEN SMITH, RUTHERGLEN,  
VICTORIA.**

Mr. Owen Smith, of the Star Hotel, Rutherglen, Victoria, who died in the early morn of Tuesday, April 20, removes from this world a devout Catholic and a loving husband and father. Born at Kilmore, Victoria, 77 years ago, and at taining manhood, selected at Burramine. He married Miss Margaret Maher, at Numurkah, later he acquired properties at Mount Gwynne, Mulvale, then to the Riverina in N.S.W., at "Yathella," Junee. Disposing of this property to the late Mr. Booth, his farming interests were centred in the Wagga district. Some years ago he became the licensee of the Federal Hotel, Temora, and remained in the hotel business to the time of his death, having purchased the Star Hotel, Rutherglen in 1922. His wonderful nature, considerate and generous disposition endeared him to all. At the time of his death he was a member of the Agricultural Society committee, Bowling Club, Racing Club, Cricket and Football Clubs, and not only was his financial assistance sought, but his advice and assistance in management. He was a life-long member of the H.A.C.B.S.. The Rev. Father Lawless administered the Last Sacrament and also celebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Church, to where the remains had been taken. The funeral left the church for Carlyle Cemetery and the hearse was followed by a most representative cortege indicating the vast popularity of the deceased. At the graveside the Rev. Father Lawless, assisted by Rev. Father O'Connor, performed the last rites. The Rev. Fathers Gilby (Junee), Father Crennan and Cochrane (Albury), Fathers Mahoney and Dowling (Yarrawonga), Father Egan (Wangaratta), Father O'Reilly (Corowa) were also present, having journeyed many miles to pay their last respects to an exemplary member of the faith. The Rev. Mahaffy, Anglican Rector, also attended at the graveside. Members of the H.A.C.B.S. formed a guard of honour, and the casket was carried by Jim Smith and Mick Maher (nephews), T. Maher and W. Lowe (brothers-in-law) and Patrick and Michael Smith (sons). Many members of deceased family were in attendance including Paddy Smith, Wagga, Jack Smith, Preston (brothers). He is survived by his wife, six daughters, Mrs. H. H. Paton (Junee), Mrs. M. Ryan (Essendon), Mrs. E. O'Halloran (Bexley), Mrs. J. Maroney (Narrandera), Mrs. E. Quinn Miles (Queensland), and Miss M. Smith (Rutherglen), also two sons, Patrick and Michael (Rutherglen). One daughter (Junee) and one son (Corowa).

rick and Michael (Rutherglen). One daughter (Irene) and one son (Owen) predeceased him. Three brothers, Patrick (Wagga), Jack (Preston), and Michael (U.S.A.), and two sisters, Mrs. E. Couch and Mrs. Mary Ann Smith (Ashfield) also survive.

