

LATE MR E. H. McKAY

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The Obituary of Edward Hector McKay 2nd as reported in the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin on Tuesday 2nd April 1940.

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The Obituary refers to his children as follows:

4 Sons:

Edward = Edward John McKay

Donald = Donald Hector McKay

Thomas = Thomas Roscoe McKay

William = William George McKay

3 Daughters:

Mrs D. Moodie = Doris May McKay

[She had married David Moodie]

Mrs G. W. Fletcher = Annie Rebecca McKay

[She had married George William Fletcher]

Miss Evelyn = Evelyn Ruth McKay – Spinster

He was predeceased by his 4th daughter,

Florence Helen McKay in 1929.

Edward Hector McKay's Funeral Notice Printed in the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin on Monday, 1st April 1940

Relatives and Friends of Mrs E. H. McKay (wife), Mr and Mrs E. J. McKay, and Mrs T. R. McKay (Cairns), Messrs D., and W. G. McKay (Sons and Daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs G. W. Fletcher, Mr and Mrs Moodie (Cloyne), Miss E. R. McKay (Son and Daughters), are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased beloved Friend, Father, Father-in-law and Relative, ?? Mr EDWARD HECTOR MCKAY to move from his late residence, No. 413 Campbell Street, Depot Hill, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at ?? for the Rockhampton Cemetery. TUCKER & NANKIVELL, Undertakers. Telephone Nos. 148 and 149.