

**MRS. RITA CATLAN.**

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rita Catlan left St. Albans Church of England, Five Dock, on the 1st December, after a very impressive service conducted by the Rev. L. G. Edmondson, cousin of the deceased, in which he spoke of her kind unselfish disposition and as being a loyal loving wife and devoted mother, daughter, and sister.

Chief mourners were her husband, Harold Catlan, parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Baker; sisters Mrs. W. J. Brady (Dell), Mrs. Dixon (Winnie), Mrs. E. Moore (Edna), Mrs. Coos (Dorothy), Mrs. B. H. Nolan (Kathleen), and brother, Lieut. Ron C. Baker; brothers-in-law Capt. W. J. Brady and Mr. B. H. Nolan. Mrs. Gill (Emid), another sister, had only returned to Grafton a few days previously. The husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Catlan, brothers Rupert, Gerald, Fred and Roy, their wives, and one sister (Mrs. Lyne) were also present.

At the conclusion of the service, the Rector feelingly recited the beautiful hymn commencing—

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest;

Lay down thy head upon Thy Saviour's breast.

We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best.

Good-night, good-night, good-night.

The funeral then proceeded to the Rookwood Crematorium, where the last sad rites were performed. There were many beautiful floral tributes, and messages of condolence received. She had only been married for eight years, and left a young son, Norman, aged six years. Prior to her marriage Rita was on the staff at the Dungog Exchange for some time and afterwards at the G.P.O., Sydney.

For two years prior to her death she conducted a guest house at Goodnight Island, Greenwell Point, where she made many friends.

