

Benj. Forrest Hammett.

Benj. Forrest Hammett, a prominent young business man of this city, passed away about 11 o'clock Saturday night and the remains are being held awaiting the arrival of his wife, who is now on her way here from St. Louis, and is expected to arrive tomorrow morning. Mr. Hammett was but 33 years of age when he died and had been making El Paso his home for the past seven years, and was connected with the real estate firm of B. F. Hammett & Sons, of this city. For some time, since moving to El Paso, he was located in the Pecos valley, where he was looking after the firm's interests. For over a year, however, he has been living in El Paso, and was well known to a large circle of friends. He was a son of colonel and Mrs. B. F. Hammett, of this city, and a brother of Paul P. Hammett, also of this city. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn his death. Mr. Hammett had been ailing for several months, and, while he was on a decline, no one thought his death would come as soon as it did, and it was a shock to his many friends in this city.

REMAINS OF B. F. HAMMETT INTERRED

FUNERAL OF A POPULAR YOUNG
MAN THIS AFTERNOON.

All Real Estate Offices Closed Out of
Respect for Deceased and His
Family—Others Deaths
and Funerals.

The last sad rites were performed over the remains of the late Ben Forrest Hammett this afternoon at the family residence in the D. R. Francis block. The funeral services were held at 2 o'clock, after which the remains were escorted to Evergreen cemetery, where they were laid to rest.

Mr. Hammett during his life in El Paso had been engaged in the real estate business with his father, and as a mark of respect to deceased and his family, all real estate offices in the city closed this afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock and the proprietors attended the funeral. The funeral was also largely attended by other El Pasoans, as Mr. Hammett was a very popular young man. The floral tributes to the departed were also many and beautiful, several hacks being required to take them to the cemetery.

The bereaved wife was in St. Louis at the time of Mr. Hammett's death and did not arrive here until this morning and funeral arrangements were postponed until she reached here.

The pall bearers were: J. H. Hanner, Joseph F. Williams, H. R. Wood, H. E. Stevens, J. A. Eddy, Felix Martinez, W. H. Austin and J. H. Russell. Rev. Dr. Moore, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated, and Mrs. W. D. Howe of the Presbyterian choir sang "Just As I Am With My One Plea."