

Mrs. Richard Keays.

Mrs. Erma Keays, age 31 years, died in her home in this city this morning at 4:40 o'clock. Mrs. Keays was born in Proviso, Cook county, Ill., October 7, 1872, and was the daughter of Louis Hammer, a contractor and builder of this city. In 1893 Mrs. Keays came to El Paso for the benefit of her health and after remaining here a short time went to Phoenix, Ariz., where her father was then living and on September 18, 1895, she was married to Richard Keays, of this city, in Phoenix, and returned to El Paso with her husband, where she has been living ever since. She leaves a husband and two small children, a girl and a boy, three sisters, Mrs. Freda Ficke, of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Berna Schultz, of Gilmer, Ill., and Mrs. Ella Kreuger, of Gresham, Neb., her father, Louis Hammer of this city, and two brothers, Joseph and William Hammer, of Phoenix, Ariz., to mourn her loss. None of her brothers and sisters are in the city at the present time and no arrangements for the funeral will be made until they can be heard from. Richard Keays, the bereaved husband, is an old citizen in El Paso and for several years has been operating a plumbing shop on San Antonio street. He has a large circle of friends in this city who extend their sympathies. Mrs. Keays was well known in society circles of this city and her loss will be greatly felt.