

DEATH CLAIMED SI RYAN THIS AF- TERNOON EARLY

One of the City's Biggest Hearted Men Passes Away--Once Terror To Outlaws.

This afternoon at 12:45 the life of one of the best known men in El Paso, was ended, when the spirit of Si Ryan, who has been lying in his rooms on San Antonio street for several weeks dangerously ill with a complication of diseases, passed away. His brother, Patrick F. Ryan, of Lonsdale, R. I., and several friends were with him when he died.

Mr. Ryan was born in Virginia fifty-seven years ago. Thirty-three years ago, he left his old home and came west. He first went to California with an uncle, where he remained several years as head warden in the state penitentiary and as sheriff of one of the counties, where he was a terror to outlaws and made many important arrests. He came to El Paso in 1882 and has lived here ever since.

While here Mr. Ryan accumulated a large interest in the saloon and mining business in this section. About ten years ago he took charge of the Astor House, which place he has run ever since.

Mr. Ryan was a man well known in this section of the country for his many deeds of kindness. He had probably done as much as any other individual in this city towards helping the needy. He was always very charitable and public spirited and if anyone was trying to get anything for El Paso, Mr. Ryan was always quick to take hold and help push the matter to a successful issue.

He will be missed as much as any other citizen who has died here in years.

All the morning it was known that he could live only a few hours and about noon the attending physicians stated that it was only a question of minutes until the end would come.

The news of his death soon became known when the end came and a great crowd of sympathetic friends gathered in front of his rooms to learn if the announcement was really true.

Mr. Ryan's brother, who is here from Lonsdale, R. I., will look after deceased's business affairs in this city.

The body will be kept in his rooms tonight and tomorrow will be taken to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, where services will be said, after which the body will be taken to the train and shipped back to Lonsdale, where interment will be made.

Mr. Ryan was a prominent member of the Elks, Red Men, Eagles, and several other local lodges, which will turn out for the funeral.

He was a bachelor.

Last year Mr. Ryan was chief marshal for the Midwinter Carnival parade.