

George Jeffers

(- 8 Jan 1872)

Jeffers. At 1 o'clock on the morning of the 8th inst. after a long and painful illness, George Jeffers, aged 24 years. The funeral will take place from the Columbia Engine House Wednesday afternoon at half past 2 o'clock.

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The Funeral of George Jeffers, late member of Columbia Fire Engine Company No. 3, took place from the engine-house this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Five firemen were detailed from each company to attend the funeral, and were present, with some of the commissioners, and the secretary of the board, also the chief engineer and assistant chief. After funeral services at the engine-house, conducted by Rev. Mr. Bray, the funeral cortege, headed by a band of music, proceeded to the Congressional Cemetery, where the remains were interred.

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Obituary

George Jeffers has passed from among us. In his last moments he displayed a firmness and hope truly remarkable, and characteristic of him in life. The disease with which he was afflicted seemed to flatter him to the last, for, young, ardent and confiding, he became an easy prey to those follies and temptations for which he atoned with the sacrifice of his life. Unfortunate child! So beloved by all for his manly and generous nature. But a few months ago strong and powerful, then weak and feeble, suffering agonies six long months, yet he never murmured nor complained to his friends, who ever found him cheerful and hopeful. A good son and brother, kind and loving, true to his affianced, firm to the very last, he still had a hope that he would live, nor did he relinquish that hope until we saw he was sighing near the end. His last words, addressed to his father and brother, were, "You all think I'm going to die," and twenty minutes later his life so full of happy recollections, calmly and gently passed away.