

Benjamin N. Thomas

(- 22 Nov 1879)

Thomas. On Saturday, November 22, 1879 at 5 o'clock p.m. of consumption, Benjamin N. Thomas aged 30 years. Funeral will take place from his late residence, 471 H street, s.w., Tuesday November 25 at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

The Evening Star, November 24, 1879

A Lamented Death

The death of Benjamin N. Thomas, affectionately known as "Benny Thomas," has caused deep sorrow to all who knew him. He had been ill for a long time of consumption, bearing his sufferings with the cheerful patience characteristic of him, and he died at 5 p.m. on Saturday, in the same peaceful frame of mind. For 16 years he was in the employ of The Star, and during that time by the faithful and intelligent discharge of his responsible duties he won the love and confidence to a remarkable degree of his employers, his fellow employees, and the customers of the paper. While conscientiously exact in all transactions, his sunny temper and earnest disposition to oblige gained him friends, and probably he never made an enemy in his life. He was from youth a devoted member of the Fifth Baptist church, (Rev. Dr. Meador, pastor) and certainly no better argument for religion could be made than his sweet, pure, earnest life, faithful to every trust, and his tranquil happy death. He was also a faithful and beloved member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity, belonging to Columbia Lodge No. 10, Columbian Encampment, No. 1, and the Uniformed Battalion of Patriarchs. The deepest sympathy will be felt for his widowed mother and the others of his family, who have lost the best of sons and the best of brothers, in his early manhood.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday (tomorrow) at 2 p.m., from his late residence, 471 H street southwest.

The Evening Star, November 26, 1879

The Funeral of Benjamin N. Thomas took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of the family, No. 471 H street southwest, a large number of personal friends attending; also, Columbia Lodge No. 10, I.O.O.F. and the Uniformed Patriarchs, of which organizations deceased was a member, and which were headed by Weber's band. The remains were in a walnut coffin appropriately ornamented with silver mountings, in designs peculiar to the Odd Fellows and surrounded with many floral tributes from friends. The services at the house were conducted by Rev. Mr. Meador, pastor of the Fifth Baptist church, and the Odd Fellows' services at the Congressional Cemetery, where the remains were interred by C.C. Collison, chaplain of the lodge. The Rev. Mr. Meador in his remarks referred most feelingly to the character of the deceased, and his relations in his business and private life, which were marked. Under circumstances at one time most trying, by a faithful and conscientious discharge of duty and an adherence to the right, that won for him the warmest affection and regard of those with whom he was associated. His long and excellent record was well commended as an example to be followed in the path of Christian duty. The pall-bearers were: on the part of Columbia Lodge No. 10, I.O.O.F., Brothers G.Z. Colison and Frank M. Proctor; on the part of the Uniformed Patriarchs, I.O.O.F., Patriarchs Thomas W. Fowler, Wm. L. Arnold, John Long and F.L. Ourand. The quartette who rendered choice music at the residence at the grave were Brothers John H. Seiffert, R.H. Boswell, Gill and Connell.