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## B. Vincent Pater, Prominent Lawyer, Dies In Florida



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.B. Vincent Pater, age 47, Gray and Emerson avenues, prominent Hamilton attorney, died Tuesday night of pneumonia in Fort Landerdale, Fla., where he had been vacationing for several weeks vacationing for several week with Mrs. Pater and their daugh ter Mary Esther.

News of his death comes as a ) great shock. Mr. Pater had been i in ill health for several years, but had seemingly benefited greatly from his sojourn in the South until he was stricken with 1 influenza several days ago. He was hospitalized and despite the p best of care failed to rally. Notified of his serious condition, Mr. Pater's son, Vincent, Jr., and <sup>1</sup> his brother, Clem, Jr., made a S hurried trip to Florida and were r with him when he died.

The second son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pater, 1003 Gray avenue, Clem Pater, 1003 Gray avenue, Mr. Pater was born in Hamilton September 25, 1898. He was edu-ated in the parochial schools, was graduated from Hamilton Catholic High school and from Notre Dame university, South 7 Bend, Ind., with cum laude hon-ors, in 1922.

Notre Dame Record At Notre Dame, the brilliant promises that Mr. Pater had shown earlier in life began to promises that Mr. form. He was one of the university's most prominent and most H 11-

#### **Bar** Association **Cancels** Function

A Butler County Bar as-sociation dinner, scheduled Thursday night in the American Legion home to honor returned members who are veterans, has been postponed because of the death of B. Vincent Pater, it was announced Wednesday by George C. Cummins, president of the association. The dinner will be held at a later date, Mr. Cummins said. Mr. Pater was a former president of the bar association.

active students and richly de served the cum laude honors that marked his graduation.

He was president of his law class at Notre Dame, an unusual honor, and served on the student council. He was a roommate

Sorin hall of George Gipp, Notre Dame's football immortal and one of the all-time greats of American intercollegiate football.

Throughout the years Mr. Fater's interest and devotion to Notre Daine never flagged. He was president, at the time of his death, of the Notre Dame club of Hamilton, an organization which he, with the late Judge M. O. Burns, was instrumental in forming.

Many Hamilton young men who have matriculated at Notre Dame have matriculated at Notre Dane, owed their decision to attend the South Bend school to the spirited interest Mr. Pater showed in his alma mater. Frequently executives of the university expressed their appreciation to Mr. Pater for his continued work in behalf of the school.

An ardent follower of the school's football teams, Mr. Pater made it an annual custom to attend several of the big games. Began Practice

Immediately upon his graduation from Notre Dame, he began the practice of law in his native city, a profession in which he was eminently successful, gaining a wide reputation throughout the wide reputation throughout the community as a trial lawyer. His brother, Clement Pater, Jr., later became associated with him. The integrity of Mr. Pater was unquestioned, and he had the respect of all who knew him. Mr. Pater Pater served as president of the Butler County Bar association for the 1940-41 term.

Until his health began to fail, he was prominently identified with community, civic and church affairs, and active in Father But-ler council No. 968, Knights of (Continued On Page 14).

# **B.** Vincent Pater

(Continued From Last Page) Columbus, Hamilton lodge No. 93, B.P.O. Elks, and the Hamilton Lions club. Genial, hospitable, his friends were many. Devoted To Family

Essentially, however, Mr. Pater was a family man, his devotion to his wife and children was well known, his constant thought being for their comfort and hap-piness, and their home life was very flappy. He was also devoted to his purents, and had a close bond with his brothers and sister

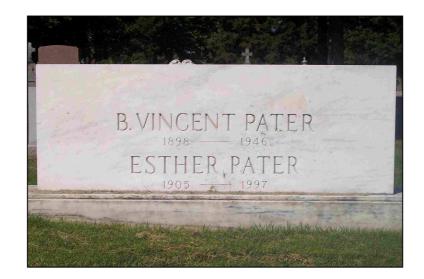
He was a member of St. Peter Catholie church in recent years, but had for many years been an outstanding member of St. Joseph church.

Besides the widow, Mrs. Pater, and daughter, Mary Esther, he leaves a son, Vincent, Jr., his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pater, and a sister, Mrs. II. T. Derivan, of Middletown, two brothers, Ray C. Pater, Hyde Park, Cincinnati, and Clem, Jr., his law partner, Another sister, Mrs. Charles, Hayes, (Clarissa Pater) died a

number of years ago. Funeral services will not be ar-ranged until the family returns from Florida.

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