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



MR. PATER

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

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

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

### Notre Dame Record

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

### Bar Association Cancels Function

A Butler County Bar association 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 deserved 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 in 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. Pater's interest and devotion to Notre Dame 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, 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 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 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 Butler council No. 968, Knights of

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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 happiness, and their home life was very happy. He was also devoted to his parents, and had a close bond with his brothers and sister.

He was a member of St. Peter Catholic 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. H. 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 arranged until the family returns from Florida.

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## Last Rites Held For B. V. Pater

Rev. Francis Fritz, assistant pastor of St. Peter Catholic church, officiated at the requiem high mass at 10 o'clock Monday morning in St. Peter church for B. Vincent Pater, attorney, who later was buried in St. Stephen cemetery. Rev. L. L. Denning, pastor of St. Mary church, delivered the sermon.

In the sanctuary were: Monsignor James O'Brien and Monsignor William Gauche, of Mt. St. Mary seminary, Norwood; Monsignor, John F. Cogan, Rev. William Welch, Rev. Joseph Urbann, and the Rev. James Michalowski.

Hundreds of friends called Sunday afternoon and evening at the W. F. Cahill and Sons Funeral home to pay their respects to one whom they had admired in life, and the profusion of lovely flowers was eloquent testimony of the high regard in which he had been held in the community.

