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Clem Pater Sr. Expires; Shoe Merchant Was 95

Clem Pater Sr., 95, formerly of 902 Harrison Ave., a member of one of Hamilton's oldest and most prominent families, died at 3:25 a. m. Saturday in the Hilldale Rest Home, 4195 Hamilton-Mason Rd., where he had been a patient for several months. Mr. Pater had been in failing health for a number of years.

He was born in Hamilton on July 8, 1869, the son of B. H. and Catherine Holbrock Pater, a pioneer business family in this community. Mr. Pater was educated in St. Joseph School and was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Church.

He married Cecilia H. Benzinger on Sept. 13, 1893, in Covington, Ky., in St. Benedict Church, and the devoted couple enjoyed more than 71 years of marriage — one of the longest and most successful marriages of this century in Hamilton. Mrs. Pater is a patient in a local nursing home.

Mr. Pater, an enthusiastic



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and enterprising man throughout his life, worked as a shoe salesman in the Clem Pater Shoe Store, 421 S. Second St., a business founded by his father in 1865. He succeeded his father in the business and operated the store for more than 52 years.

One of the area's leading sports enthusiasts and most active Catholics, Mr. Pater served two terms as Grand Knight of Father Butler Council, Knights of Columbus, and during these terms of office was an originator of Daughters of Isabella in this city.

Mr. Pater also was an original member of the Board of Wardens of all Catholic parishes in the city, and was a prime mover in the establishing of Hamilton Catholic High School. He also served as court bailiff under Municipal Court Judge M. O. Burns.

Memberships Held

Mr. Pater was a member of Father Butler Council 968, Knights of Columbus; St. Isaac

ical Changes This Sunday

"Every public or scheduled Mass is to be a participation Mass in some degree." (This means the congregation will share in the offering of the Mass by saying aloud those responses and prayers which properly belong to them.)

"The vernacular (English) is to be used in every scheduled Low Mass with two minor exceptions." (On Sunday and Holy days any Mass scheduled before 8 a.m. and any week Mass, if less than ten people are present, may be celebrated in Latin with participation.)

"The Low Mass with congregational singing of at least four

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Jogues Council (Fourth Degree), Cincinnati; Eagles Lodge, St. George Benevolent Society; and the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph Church.

Mr. Pater was a rugged individualist, warm and sympathetic to the needs of his community and his church, and a kind and loving father and husband. He was a pillar in the community, admired and respected by all who knew him.

Community Welfare

Mr. Pater was a proud man, deeply religious and firm in his belief in the good in all men. He practiced the importance of contributing to the welfare of the community and his church, working long hours at his business and in his civic endeavors. Clem Pater was a striking figure in the history of an important growth period of the Hamilton area. His life, spanning almost a full century of public service, was marked with a wide pattern of successes.

In his youth he was active in baseball, and in later years was recognized as one of Hamilton's leading bowlers. Throughout his life, Mr. Pater was one of the area's most ardent boosters of the Cincinnati Reds.

But whatever other successes and other interests Clem Pater enjoyed, he was most proud of his wife and his family. His philosophy on marriage and the family was known by all who knew him, and served as a beacon for many other families in the area. Clem Pater was a leader among men in all branches of society.

Members Of Family

He leaves his wife of more than 71 years, two sons, Ray C. Pater, Cincinnati, and Clem Pater Jr., prominent Hamilton attorney; a daughter, Mrs. H. T. (Cecilia) Derivan, of Middletown; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Catherine Rice, Ft. Mitchell, Ky., other relatives and many friends. He was preceded by a daughter, Mrs. Clarissa M. Hayes, Aug. 10, 1928, and a son, B. Vincent Pater, March 26, 1946.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday in the Brown-Dawson Funeral Home, 330 Pershing Ave., followed by Requiem High Mass at 10 o'clock in St. Joseph Church. A grandson, the Rev. Giles H. Pater of Mt. St. Mary Seminary, will be the celebrant.

Burial will be in St. Stephen Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p. m. Monday.