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Philippa Esther Pater

Philippa Esther Pater, age 92, formerly of 1002 Gray Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio, passed away at Schroder Manor, Thursday, September 18, 1997 at 12:45 a.m.

She was born in Lexington, Kentucky the daughter of Phillip and Orpha (Shattuck) Gormley. Esther was a 1927 graduate of Sacred Heart College in Clifton, receiving a Bachelor of Art Degree, and was a member of St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church. In 1928 in Hamilton she was married to B. Vincent Pater, a prominent Hamilton-Butler County attorney and he preceded her in death in 1946.

Esther had lived in her home on Gray Avenue for nearly 70 years, becoming one of the matriarchs of Highland Park. In the fall of 1996 she retired to Schroder Manor, Millville Ave. where she lived and made and sold her famous flower arrangements until her death. To those who knew her she will always be remembered as a devoted wife and mother, a gracious and sparkling hostess who over a lifetime was devoted to her family and community.

She is survived by one son, B. Vincent II, and his wife Sherry, Pater of Tampa, Florida, one daughter, Mary E. Pater of Cincinnati; a number of nieces; nephews; other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Blanche Mize and Gladys Cramer.

Memorial services to be announced at a later date. Burial will be held at St. Stephen's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice Vitas, 1132 W. Kemper Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45240.