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Bernard Klare was bank president

Given a job, Bernard Herman "Bud" Klare literally made the most of it.

He was only 15 when he got a job as a messenger with the Citizens National Bank in Covington.

When Klare retired 48 years later, he had been president for six years.

"He worked his way up," said his son, James Klare. James and his brother, David Klare, lived with their father.

Bernard Klare, 77, of Crisler Avenue, Crescent Springs, died

at 2:17 a.m. yesterday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center North. He retired from Citizens National on Sept. 9, 1971.

He had been messenger, discount clerk, general bookkeeper, assistant cashier, cashier, executive vice-president and president.

As a Kentucky Post story related at the time he retired, he had seen the bank grow from \$3 million to \$17 million in assets.

Other survivors include another son, Thomas B. Klare of

Crescent Springs; brothers, Ralph Klare of Cincinnati and John Klare of Southgate; sisters, Lillian Meyers and Cleo Leitner, both of Cincinnati, and Lizetta Link of Southgate; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Church, Crescent Springs. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. tomorrow at Linnemann Funeral Home, Erlanger. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Ft. Mitchell.