

Death Summons Henry M. Kelly

Governor's Father 'Christian Champion'

Henry M. Kelly was a "champion of Christianity" and an exemplary family man, Msgr. John J. Hunt declared in his sermon at funeral services for Mr. Kelly Monday, May 20, in Visitation church.

Mr. Kelly, father of Gov. Harry F. Kelly, died last Friday, May 17.

Msgr. Hunt was celebrant of the solemn requiem high Mass, Fr. Albert Hutting deacon and Fr. William Rogers subdeacon. Among the 16 priests in the sanctuary was Very Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, CSC, president of Notre Dame university. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Despite his 82 years Mr. Kelly was active to the end. He spent Wednesday at his law office and died after having been ill less than 24 hours.

Born in Ottawa, Ill., he studied law in the office of the state's attorney and later became state's attorney for LaSalle county. The governor was elected to the same position after his return from World War I.

In 1923 the elder Kelly moved his law office to Detroit and four of his five sons became associated with the firm, Harry, Lawrence E., Emmett and Walter. The fifth son, Jerome, is not a lawyer.

Mr. Kelly and his wife, Molly Morrissey Kelly, observed their golden wedding May 29, 1944 with a Mass of thanksgiving in the chapel of Sacred Heart seminary. The jubilarians received a special blessing from Pope Pius XII.

Faithful navigator of the fourth degree Knights of Columbus, Mr. Kelly was active in the order for many years.

Other survivors are three daughters, Miss Kathryne Kelly, Mrs. Leon Walsh and Mrs. Kathryne Singelyn, a twin sister of the governor.