

Peter Westerman, 86, Elgin Resident 60 Years Dies; Father of 10 Sons of Bowling Fame
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Peter Westerman, 86, a resident of Elgin for more than 60 years and father of 10 sons whose annual bowling tournament has received national recognition as a novel sports event, died at 7:20 this morning in his home at 417 Lovell St., following a year of failing health. Born in Westphalla, Germany, on Nov. 19, 1859, Mr. Westerman came to this country and directly to Elgin as a young man, locating here in the 80's. A carpenter by trade, he was active in this field for many years, retiring about 15 years ago. Mr. Westerman was one of the charter members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and also was a charter member of No. 1 of St. Joseph's Court, 245, Catholic Order of Foresters, with which he had been affiliated since the courts establishment in 1890. It had been his good fortune through the years to serve as sponsor and friendly arbiter for the bowling tournament in which his ten sons competed each year for the Westerman Family Honors. Twenty-fifth anniversary renewal of the unique attraction was held last April. Mr. and Mrs. Westerman (Anna Wellnitz) were married on May 6, 1890 and observed their Golden wedding anniversary six and a half years ago. Besides the widow, survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Alphonse (Helen) Sellar of Elgin and Mrs. Chester (Agnes) Hazard of Portland, Ore.; 10 sons, Frank J., Joseph M., Arthur J., George J., Paul L., Harry J., Edward M., Leo A., Peter P., and Harold H. Westerman, all of this city. There are also 23 grandchildren and three great grandchildren surviving, as well as four sisters, namely, Mrs. Anna Wellnitz of Racine, Wis., Mrs. Christina Kraft of Chicago, and Mrs. Mamie Zeidler and Miss Kate Westerman, both of St. James, Minn. Preceding Mr. Westerman in death were a daughter, Rose, in infancy; a brother Conrad Westerman of Chicago, and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Gallistel of Chicago and Mrs. Agnes Stickling of St. James, Minn. Arrangements for funeral services are incomplete but the rites will probably be held on Tuesday morning, with burial in Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call at the late home after 2 pm on Sunday.

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