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Rites Held For Homer O'Connell

"Tonopah March 15 - Funeral services for Homer J. O'Connell, who died here suddenly last week, were held from St. Patrick's Catholic Church Thursday morning with Father Francis Mikula officiating. Rosary was recited Wednesday evening. Interment was in Tonopah Cemetery and pallbearers, all lifelong friends, were Fred Steen Jr., Jack Hall, Thomas McCulloch, Lloyd Eason, L.L. Holt and Robert Shields.

Mr. O'Connell was born in Tonopah August 15, 1916 and until entering the Army in 1941, had spent his lifetime in Nye County. Following his graduation from the local schools, he was employed by mining companies in the area.

He was one of the first to enlist in the armed forces from Tonopah in 1941, and spent three years in Alaska. He took part in the landings of the Italian coast, and subsequent battles. Following his discharge he lived in Long Beach and Bakersfield, until returning here four months ago. At the time of his death, he was operating the McCulloch Service station in partnership with Jack Hall.