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Catholic Lay Leader, Lawyer, Dies At 75

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James J. O'Connell, 75, of 10 Meadow Ave. W., Bronxville, died Monday in Union Hospital in the Bronx.

An attorney for 50 years, Mr O'Connell practiced estate and corporate law in New York City. He was a Knight of Malta, a Papal honor given him in 1945, and had been one of the attorneys for the Propogation of the Faith office of the New York Roman Catholic Archdiocese for more than 20 years. He received the Bene Merenti Medal in 1957 for his work in this connection. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Bronxville and a member of its Holy Name Society.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell received a Catholic Award in 1963 as parents of five children serving in religious orders.

Mr. O'Connell was for many years treasurer of the Lawyers Club in New York City and also served on the board of directors of the Fifth Avenue Coach Lines.

He was a veteran of World War I and served as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. O'Connell was a graduate of Manhattan College and Fordham Law School and received his early schooling in Holy Cross Parochial School in New York City. He also attended the Manhattan Prep School.

He was born in New York City in 1890 to the late James and Louisa O'Connell. He married the former Elizabeth Purcell, who survives, in Black Rock, Conn., in 1923. The family lived in the Bronx before moving to Bronxville where they have resided for the past seven years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters, all in religious orders, Mother Mary Alma SHCJ, assigned in Philadelphia; Sister Joseph Marian SC to Rye, and Sister Ellen Rose SC assigned to the Bronx; four sons, James J. Jr. of Minneapolis, Minn., a district manager with the New York Life Insurance Co.; Edward P., a Jesuit priest who is pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Mechanicsville, Md.; John F., a lawyer with Lord, Day & Lord in New York City who lives in Murray Hill, N.Y., and the Rev. Kenneth F., an assistant priest at Sacred Heart Church in Mount Vernon, and five grandchildren.

Five Jewels Taken



Farewell To A Queen

HEARSE OF Queen Mother Elisabeth of Belgium is drawn by grenadier guards from the royal palace in Brussels to St. Michael Cathedral for funeral services. The queen mother, widow of King Albert I, died a week AP W Brussa

Teacher From Yonkers Acquitted In Crash

A New Rochelle teacher accused of leaving the scene of an accident here was acquitted of the charge yesterday

gency brakes did not work.

In answer to queries by city prosecution counsel Paul Gavin, Mr. Yonker said he could not re-

The Crime Front