

ROUTE 3 RESIDENT —

O'Brien, Retired Graybar Official, Dies Sunday

David Howard O'Brien, 77, a retired vice-president of Graybar Electric Company in New York and a member of President Truman's Communications Policy Board, died Sunday morning in Rabun County (Ga.) Hospital.

Mr. O'Brien retired in 1945. For the past three years he had been living on Franklin, Route 2 (Coveata section). His home was a reproduction of his grandfather's home in Ireland, even to the furnishings.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church by Father Dennis Holly and burial was in the Rush Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Bryant McClure, Bob McClure, Ed Wallace, Earl Dillard, Tom Alley, and Henry Dillard.

Born in County Cork, Ireland, Mr. O'Brien started with Western Electric Company in 1917 and was a member of the original executive staff of Graybar Electric Company when the company was formed in 1928. He retired in 1945 to take an active part in the war effort as coordinator of distribution of material for the U.S. Signal Corps.

With Gen. Stuart Symington, he administered the War Surplus Property Board. In 1950, President Truman appointed Mr. O'Brien as the only businessman on his special Communication's Policy Board. After completion of the board's report in 1951, he traveled extensively in his native Ireland, Europe, and Latin America.

Mr. O'Brien was a life member of the National Association of Electrical Distribu-

tors, a life member of the Harry B. Thayer Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America, and a member of the New York Athletic Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Mary Jane Bowden; three daughters, Mrs. James Phelan and Mrs. John Brennan, of Boonton, N. J., and Mrs. W. E. Munzell, of Jefferson City, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.