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Official For Social Security

Harold A. O'Connell, 79, a former member of the Social Security Appeals Council, died Monday at Alexandria Hospital after a heart attack.

He had been a member of the council from 1941 until his retirement in 1965. Earlier he had served as principal consultant and assistant chief of claims for the Social Security Board from 1936 to 1941.

Born in Westfield, N.Y., Mr. O'Connell was a graduate of the University of Michigan.

After serving as a second lieutenant in the Army field artillery in World War I, he came to Washington where he graduated from Georgetown University law school in 1920.

Mr. O'Connell maintained a private law practice here until 1932, when he started his government career as chief of the code section of the National Recovery Administration.

He was a member of the D.C. Bar and admitted to practice before the Supreme Court. He belonged to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

He is survived by his wife, Jean M. O'Connell, of the home, 6541 Franconia Rd., Springfield; a son, Anthony M., of St. Louis; two daughters, Shiela Tierney, of Portland, Maine, and Jean Nader, of New Kensington, Pa., and six grandchildren.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy may be in the form of contributions to the Georgetown University Law Center.