James P. O'Connor of Mansfield Township died March 4 at Hackettstown Community Hospital.

Born in Philadelphia, Mr. O'Connor later moved to Brooklyn. He had been living in Mansfield for the past 34 years.

He worked for M&M/MARS, Inc., Hackettstown in the former House Service Dept. for 13 years, retiring in 1990.

He played in the Boston Red Sox's minor league system and later worked for Wilson Sporting Goods as a salesman and also for Arnold Palmer as a salesman of golf equipment.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, Hackettstown, as well as with the Knights of Columbus, Hackettstown, and the American Legion, Hackettstown.

He is survived by his wife. Marie, at home; two sons, James of Mansfield and Raymond of Hackettstown; a daughter, Karen Asay of Allamuchy; two brothers, Thomas of Culpeper, Va. and Raymond of Corpus Christi, Texas; a sister, Frances Bagley of Brewster, N.Y.; and a grandson, James of Hackettstown.

A mass was held at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption and burial was at Union Cemetery.

Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown, was in charge of arrangements.

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