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Old Friend To Direct Ruby Rites

A childhood friend of Jack Ruby will direct funeral services in Chicago, Ill., for the man he remembered as "a nice, clean-cut boy."

Only one part of the arrangements is definite, said Hershey Weinstein, president of Original Weinstein & Sons Inc.: Ruby's body will be buried near his parents in Westlawn Cemetery, on the city's north side.

"The family didn't say whether there would be a chapel service or not, but I think they will have one," said Weinstein.

"They may not want any more publicity and just have a service at the cemetery."

"We won't know anything for sure until Thursday or Friday."

A deep maroon shroud covered Ruby's body Tuesday as he was taken from Parkland Memorial Hospital to Weiland-Merritt Funeral Home to be embalmed.

His casket left Dallas on American Airlines flight 50 for Chicago at 10:10 p.m.

His brother and sister will leave for Chicago Wednesday.

"He was real close to his family," said Weinstein of the man he grew up with.

"Jack was a couple of years behind me in school, but I knew his parents—nice people, just like him. And he was real close to them," he said in a telephone interview.

"He could get along with anybody — and that's pretty tough when you grow up on the West Side."

"And considerate; Jack would come by my place when I started in business. Always such a nice, clean-cut boy," he repeated.

"You know," said the funeral director, "I'll never understand this whole business until the day I die."