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Death of Ruby

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Closes Assassination Triangle



—Dallas News Staff Photo by John Flynn.

Jack Ruby's sister, Mrs. Eva Grant, leaves Parkland Hospital Tuesday on the arm of attorney Phil Burleson after Ruby's death.

Oswald's Slayer Dies Of Blood Clot, Cancer

Jack Ruby, the third and final major figure in the assassination of President Kennedy, died at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Parkland Memorial Hospital.

His death closed the triangle and left unanswered forever many of the questions surrounding the death of the president and Ruby's subsequent slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of the president.

Doctors attributed Ruby's death to a blood clot in the lungs, but noted that the massive cancer that filled his body was at least a contributing cause.

His family took charge of the body and announced that funeral services will be held in Chicago. The short, stocky little night-

club operator will be buried there, near the bodies of his parents. The body was flown to Chicago Tuesday night.

THE TIME of the funeral was pending late Tuesday night.

Jack Ruby was born March 25, 1911, in Chicago. But his life—as far as the general public was concerned—never really began until the morning of Nov. 24, 1963.

It was that morning that Ruby stopped in the basement of the Dallas City Hall to watch with hundreds of reporters as police began the transfer of Oswald to the county jail.

Ruby, with a hat pulled low on his head, suddenly stepped forward just as Oswald

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appeared, hands manacled together and with a detective at each arm.

Gun in hand—he said he always carried it because he often had to handle large sums of money—Ruby fired one shot into Oswald's side. The suspected assassin slumped to the floor.

OSWALD WAS RUSHED to Parkland Hospital, where he died in an emergency room directly across the hall from where President Kennedy had been pronounced dead.

Ruby was arrested, charged with murder, tried and convicted.

But even facing death in the electric chair, Ruby for the first time found the fame that had eluded him for the first 52 years of his life. Although he was never again to spend a day as a free man, he had achieved a pinnacle of publicity few men ever reach.

The conviction later was reversed, but

it made no difference in the life of Jack Ruby.

RUBY INSISTED throughout his trial, and until his death, that he shot Oswald on impulse.

His last known discussion about the case, revealed only Monday, was in a taped interview included in a Columbia Records album about the assassination. The record has not yet been released.

"It happened in such a blur that before I knew it, I was down on the ground. The officers had me on the ground. I don't recall what happened between the time I walked down the ramp (into the police station basement) and was on the floor," Ruby says in the recording.

"It happened so fast, I don't recall what happened."

ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS who defended Ruby said he agreed that the shooting was a reflex action by a man who was in an emotional blur because of the death of the president.

"I don't believe Jack Ruby carried any secrets to his grave," said lawyer Joe Tona-hill of Jasper. "He couldn't have been part of a conspiracy.

"He was a loner, all the way."
