Rabbi Calls Ruby A Patriot

CHICAGO (A) — The rabbi conducting the funeral services today for Jack Ruby says the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald was a "misguided patriot."

Rabbi David Graubart was selected by Ruby's family to conduct the funeral services today at the Original Weinstein & Sons funeral chapel on the Northwest Side.

Only members of Ruby's family and close friends were to attend the private services.

Rabbi Graubart yesterday said Ruby was in a state of "emotional anguish" over the murder of President John F. Kennedy. "I will say that Jack Ruby was a misguided patriot," the rabbi said.

Following the service in the chapel, Ruby, 55, was to be buried beside his parents in the family plot in Westlawn Cemetery.

The body, attired in a black suit, black tie, white shirt and the Jewish prayer shawl and skullcap, was laid in a bronze casket.

Newsmen were permitted by the family to enter the chapel yesterday. An American flag was draped over the casket to represent Ruby's service in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

There will be no headstone or marker placed on Ruby's grave for a year. A spokesman for the funeral chapel said this in in part because of Jewish tradition and also because of the threat of desecration by curious persons.

Ruby died Tuesday in Dallas rom a blood clot and complicaions caused by cancer.