



AFTER MEMORIAL—Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis and son John F. Kennedy Jr. leave church in Hyannis, Mass., after services for her first husband, father of John, assassinated six years ago Saturday. (AP Wirephoto)

Rites Note Anniversary of John Kennedy Death

WASHINGTON (AP) — A few friends and about 2,000 ordinary citizens came to Arlington National Cemetery Saturday to visit the grave of John F. Kennedy on the sixth anniversary of his assassination.

A score of Army Green Berets, with ribbons and medals from Vietnam combat, saluted as one of their number placed a wreath on the rim of the ground-level grave marker.

The first person to visit

the tomb in early morning was Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss, mother of Kennedy's widow. And, as she has every year since the President's death, Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln, his personal secretary and friend, stood before the grave and left a bouquet.

Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) placed two marigolds.

Friends from Canada had airmailed a wreath. A large floral piece, its ribbon inscribed "Hail to the Chief," was sent on behalf of South Korea's joint chiefs of staff.

Flowers Left

Several of the ordinary citizens who paused before the tomb left flowers.

A troop of Boy Scouts, a group of Sea Scouts, and two little girls from Italy climbed the low stone stairs leading to the Kennedy grave.

Cemetery officials estimated about 2,000 persons had filed past or paused at the site—about normal, they said, for a bright, chilly autumn Saturday.

At the late President's parish church across the Potomac River in Washington, the Rev. Frederick Brigham of Boston told worshipers that "the unforeseen passing of one who contributed so much to his country symbolized

the swift movement of events in this world."

President Kennedy was remembered also in prayers said at Mass in the capital's St. Matthew's Cathedral.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) the late President's brother, visited the grave Friday, then journeyed to Massachusetts, where the Kennedy family attended a Saturday memorial service at St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis. The late President's widow, Mrs. Jacqueline Onassis, and her son, John Jr., attended the service.

The four priests at the Concelebrated Mass were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Thompson, and the Revs., Bernard Kelly, Terrence Keenen and Donald Turlick, all priests of the small parish where the Kennedys have worshiped for years.

Son's Cousin

Altar boys at the half hour service were John Jr. and his cousin Edward M. Kennedy Jr.

Serving Mass for the first time in his life, the blond, 8-year-old son of the late President wore a black cassock and a white surplice as he brought the water and the wine to Msgr. William D. Thomson, who celebrated the memorial service at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Mrs. Rose Kennedy came again in mourning black, sat with her only surviving son, Edward, and his wife, Joan. A source close to the family said neither Mrs. Kennedy nor other members of the group planned to visit the President's graveside in Washington Saturday.

In Dallas, where he died, Holy Trinity Church dedicated a Mass to Kennedy.