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QUIETLY, COUNTRY MOURNS KENNEDY

Flowers Laid in Dallas and at Grave — Family Attends a Mass in New York

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In Dallas where he was struck down, in Virginia where he is buried, in New York City and in Europe, relatives and friends, as well as those who knew John F. Kennedy only from afar, memorialized the former President on the 25th anniversary of his assassination. They did it not with speeches but with flowers and prayer and a quiet kind of reflection.

More than 400 people gathered at Dealey Plaza in Dallas, where the 35th President was mortally wounded on Nov. 22, 1963. Some stood, others sat, on the grassy knoll just off Elm Street where the President's motorcade was passing that day. At 12:30 P.M., about the hour of the shooting, 20 people held hands on the pavement, and traffic moved slowly around two bouquets that had been placed in the center of the street near the spot where the President was shot.

'We Still Love You'

One bouquet bore a sign that read, "We still miss you — Nov. 22." The other bore the message: "After 25 Years, We Still Love You John."

In New York City, Kennedy's widow, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, their children, John and Caroline, and other family members attended a private Mass at St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church. The family, which has said it would prefer for people to commemorate Kennedy's birthday, May 29, rather than the day of his assassination, made no public appearances.

Senator Edward Kennedy, was in Runnymede, England, where he laid a white rose at the foot of a British memorial to his brother.

At Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, Ethel Kennedy, dressed in black, arrived at her brother-in-law's grave at 8 A.M., and knelt silently at the eternal flame before moving to the grave of her husband, Robert F. Kennedy, who was slain in 1968.

Later in the day, the President's sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, appeared at the site, as did Evelyn Lincoln, Kennedy's personal secretary.