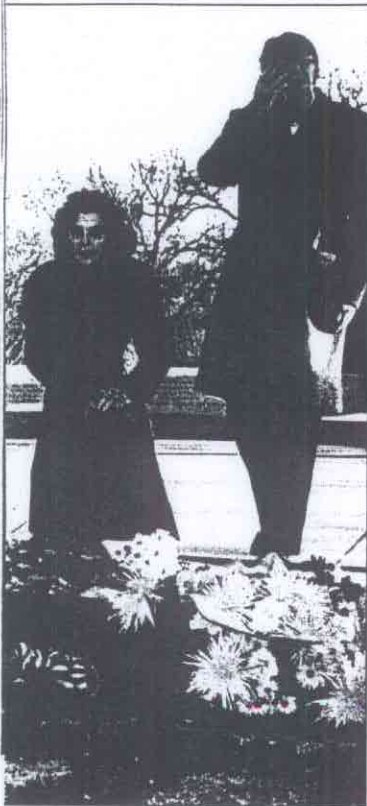


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At the grave site: *The Shriviers*



Marking the day in Dallas: Still 'a special place' in the nation's heart ^{AP}

JFK: A Flood of Memories

It was 25 years since the fatal shots rang out in Dallas, but the image and memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy still managed to dominate the nation's imagination last week and much of its media—newspaper op-ed pages, magazine covers and a flood of TV specials.

Kennedy's family prefers to commemorate the date of his birth and accordingly marked

last week's anniversary quietly. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the president's widow, and their two children attended a mass in New York City. Sen. Edward Kennedy, his brother, placed a single white rose at a memorial in England. Sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver, her husband, Sargent Shriver, and sister-in-law Ethel Kennedy joined 20,000 visitors to the

president's grave at Arlington National Cemetery. Not far away, at the Capitol Rotunda, Peace Corps veterans honored JFK with a 24-hour vigil.

In Dallas, some 2,500 people gathered at Dealey Plaza, where the shooting occurred; 20 held hands at the site and traffic moved slowly around floral wreaths in the center of the street. At the former Texas School Book Depository Building, where Lee Harvey Oswald took up his firing position, a new exhibit called "The Sixth Floor" had its preview. Closed to the public for years, the space will house Kennedy-assassination memorabilia.

Kennedy was "the quintessential American," wrote Theodore Sorensen, JFK's special counsel and speechwriter, in *The New York Times*. "He could loft a pass, swap a joke, hoist a beer, hurt his back and hug his kids like millions of other Americans. Ordinary people identified with him." And it remains true even for those born long after. Said Jim Hoffman, a social-studies teacher from Plymouth, Minn.: "When JFK's name comes up, there seems to be a special place in kids' hearts for him."