

Jackie to be buried today in Arlington

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NEW YORK — Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis will be buried today beside her first husband at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Privacy is the watchword for today's events, just as it was for the life of the former first lady, 64, who died Thursday in New York of cancer.

► Her children, John and Caroline, will speak at a service this morning in St. Ignatius of Loyola Roman Catholic Church in New York, where Onassis was christened.

Sen. Edward Kennedy will give the eulogy.

► Only family and friends will be present for this afternoon's burial at Arlington; President Clinton will speak.

Hillary Rodham Clinton will fly from New York on a chartered plane with the family, which refused use of a military craft to transport the body to Virginia.

A wake was held Sunday in Onassis' apartment, surrounded by media and onlookers.

Earlier, John Jr. sought a brief escape, roller-skating with actress Daryl Hannah past the church where his mother's funeral will be held.

Onlookers have left flowers and notes to remember the former first lady.



Top by Jim Bourg, Reuter; below by Dennis Cook, AP

FUNERAL: The Kennedy family and Arlington National Cemetery prepared Sunday for Jacqueline Onassis' funeral. Above, John Jr. helps sister Caroline through the crowd outside their mother's apartment. Below, Arlington's Tom Sherlock puts flowers on what will be her grave.

- CNN's live coverage begins at 7 a.m. ET
- ABC, CBS coverage starts at 9:45 a.m. ET
- NBC will interrupt regular programming

And hundreds more visited Arlington cemetery Sunday.

Says Marille Fendelman, 40, of Manhattan, outside Onassis' apartment: "There are just some Americans all of us relate to as family. Elvis was one. Jackie is another."

- Cemetery visitors, 3A
- Legacies, 4D

