New Grave for Robert Kennedy

Washington

With his widow Ethel and brother Edward looking on, the remains of Senator Robert F. Kennedy were transferred late Tuesday night at Arlington National Cemetery from a temporary site to a permanent burial place.

The Pentagon said yesterday that work on the permanent grave, marked by a simple white wooden cross as was the temporary site, will be completed in about two weeks.

Kennedy, who had been attorney general and was a senator from New York, was buried in Arlington after he was killed by an assassin in California June 6, 1968.

Officials said it took three hours to move the remains to the new site, located about

100 feet south of the temporary site and 125 feet from the grave of his brother, President Kennedy. The work was done after the cemetery's gates were closed to the public.

The new grave site consists of a granite - paved walkway leading from the John F. Kennedy grave to a semicircle plaza paved with granite blocks. A small reflecting pool on the east side is bordered by a granite wall containing a selection of quotations from the late senator.

Total cost for Robert's permanent grave is estimated at \$747,000 with the government paying up to \$181 and the Kennedy family the remainder. President Kennedy's grave cost \$2.4 million, of which the government paid \$1.8 million.

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