

Grief for A Mother-- 3rd Son

HYANNIS PORT (Mass.) — (AP) — Mrs. Rose Kennedy was awakened early today to be told for the third time in her life that one of her sons had died violently while in the service of his country.

This time it was Sen. Robert Kenney, who died of an assassin's bullet just as his brother, the late President, had nearly five years ago. Her oldest son, Joseph Jr., was killed in action while flying a Navy bomber in World War II.

Her niece, Ann Gargan, who makes her home with the family, went to Mrs. Kennedy's room at 6 a.m. to tell her that Robert had died an hour earlier.

REQUIEM MASS

Mrs. Kennedy went to the 7 a.m. High Mass of Requiem at St. Francis Xavier Church in nearby Hyannis. Even as attorney general, Robert several times stepped in and acted as altar boy at the little white church during summer vacations.

More than 100 persons attended the Mass.

A member of the family's staff drove Mrs. Kennedy to the church from the Kennedy compound of summer homes on the shore of Nantucket Sound.

ALONE IN PEW

She sat alone in a pew near the front. She wore a white coat and a white lace mantilla, which came down close over her face.

Her only surviving son, Sen. Edward Kennedy, and a son-in-law, Stephen Smith, who were at Robert's bedside when he died, had been in



MRS. ROSE KENNEDY LEAVES CAPE COD CHURCH
Senator's mother attended mass after hearing news
—AP Photo

touch with Mrs. Kennedy by phone until well after midnight.

It was left to later in the morning for Edward Kennedy to phone his father, Joseph P. Kennedy, who has been incapacitated since he suffered a stroke in 1961.

There was an air of quiet about the seaside village of Hyannis Port as the word spread. The family has lived here summers since the Kennedy children were small.

Children Send Daisies to RFK

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — A small bouquet of yellow daisies was delivered to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's room in Good Samaritan Hospital.

The flowers, with a get-well card, were sent by children at a child care center.