

# RFK Mass Seen on TV By Father

HYANNIS PORT (Mass.)  
— (AP) — Several hundred persons attended a Requiem Mass yesterday for Robert Kennedy at the Hyannis Port church where he often served as an altar boy.

The service at St. Francis Xavier Church was open to the public and was also attended by members of the Kennedy family's household staff unable to go to the slain Senator's funeral in New York.

Among those attending the Mass here was Ann Gargan, niece and companion of former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, the 79-year-old patriarch of the family who is incapacitated by a stroke he suffered 6½ years ago.

A spokesman for the family said the elder Kennedy considered attending the Requiem Mass but was too overcome to do so.

He said the former ambassador, who had not watched TV or listened to the radio since learning of Robert's death, watched the funeral on TV yesterday morning and "was too emotionally upset" afterward to attend the Requiem Mass.

Meanwhile, flags flew at half-staff and stores were closed in the little Cape Cod town where Kennedy was a legal resident before he moved to New York to run for the Senate.