

The Flowers Of Camp David

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The Nixon family helped celebrate former First Lady Mamie Eisenhower's 77th birthday at Camp David last weekend and the official White House photos showed a large bouquet of chrysanthemums and snapdragons in the foreground.

Fresh flowers are the rule at Camp David, originally conceived as a rustic hideaway. Bouquets are prepared by the White House florist in "the living room, dining room, bedrooms, study or whatever rooms the President might be using," a spokesman said last week.

"The Nixon family loves flowers," the aide explained.

The bouquets are delivered to Camp David by Navy personnel in station wagons that also carry food which Navy stewards prepare there.