

John F. Kennedy Remembered

Five Years After Death

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 22— In a sparkling sunrise and again in the radiance of a splendid autumn afternoon, the last of the Kennedy brothers went to two graves today on the saddest and most celebrated hill in Arlington National Cemetery.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy prayed twice by the flame at the elaborate stone memorial to President Kennedy, slain in Dallas five years ago on this date.

Then he knelt on the grass 20 yards away before a simple white cross of wood that does not even bear the name of his second assassinated brother, Robert F. Kennedy.

In these five tumultuous years, 24 million persons have toiled up the hill to John Kennedy's grave. Hundreds of thousands have seen Robert Kennedy's temporary resting place, for which a permanent memorial is planned, since he was buried there on the night of June 8, 1968.

Before Gates Open

The first visitors this morning, 40 minutes before the great iron gates of Arlington were opened to the public at 8 o'clock, were Senator Kennedy, his wife, Joan, two of their three children and four of Robert Kennedy's 10. His widow, Ethel, remained, on her doctor's orders, at home in suburban Virginia, where she is awaiting the birth of her 11th child. The baby is expected within the week.

The Kennedy children left sprigs of white roses, red roses and chrysanthemums. Then the entourage rolled in two cars down the steep road to the bottom of the

slope, where reporters clustered by the gates. Senator Kennedy, hatless and coatless in the morning chill, left his car to speak to them.

"We appreciate your understanding," Mr. Kennedy said, "letting us go up there alone."

He returned to Arlington in midafternoon with one accompanying him and stood among the crowds of visitors at the graves.

President Kennedy's widow, Jacqueline, remarried slightly more than a month ago to Aristotle S. Onassis, the Greek shipping magnate, spent the day in seclusion.

Her mother, Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, was one of the earliest to arrive today. Bundled in tweeds, she hurried through a back gate of the cemetery shortly before 8 A.M., clutching two nosegays of flowers and jasmine.

Goes to Jersey Home

After attending mass in New York, Mrs. Onassis drove with her two children to a home she rents in Peapack, N. J. Her new husband is expected to fly from Europe within the next several days to rejoin her and celebrate the birthdays of John F. Kennedy Jr. and Caroline. The President's son will be 8 years old Nov. 25, the date of his father's funeral. His sister will be 10 a week from today.

President Johnson followed his usual custom today, and did not go to Arlington on the assassination anniversary. As he has done each Nov. 22, he sent a huge wreath of red, white and blue carnations and cornflowers with a chaste card, engraved only: "The President."

On this day of personal

and national mourning, the Kennedy clan was scattered. President Kennedy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, were at their home in Hyannis Port, Mass. The President's mother, Rose, went as usual to morning mass. Two of his sisters, Mrs. Patricia Lawford and Mrs. Stephen E. Smith, were at St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church in New York for memorial masses.

A third sister, Mrs. Sargent Shriver, was in France, where her husband is the American Ambassador.

Noon Mass in Capital

There was a noon memorial mass in Washington attended by Senator Kennedy, his wife and friends. Almost 500 persons crowded into the gold and beige church of the Holy Trinity in Georgetown, where President Kennedy worshiped both as Senator and occasionally as President.

The Rev. Thomas P. Gavigan, who has celebrated the memorial mass for the last five years, chose the mass of resurrection, usually said on Eastern Sunday, instead of the requiem mass of sadness and death.

"It cried out for music," he remarked later. "But we didn't expect such a crowd. Last year there were only about 60 people here."

During the service, Father Gavigan spoke about President Kennedy as a man:

"Brave to the point of heroism; youthful beyond the mere reckoning of age; firm when there could be no compromise. Yet infinitely patient when conciliation was needed; and all the time a family

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man, caring greatly for his children.

"We see the causes he espoused. How they too touch our minds and hearts—peace, freedom, service of the poor and the hungry, racial brotherhood."

Senator Kennedy, his head bowed during much of the service, sat and knelt with his wife in a front pew. Mrs. Kennedy was all in black, her blonde hair tumbling to her

shoulders from a black headband.

Only a few of the noted names that marched across the front pages on Nov. 22, 1963, and for the three dark days thereafter, were at the church.

Among them was Lawrence F. O'Brien, former Postmaster General and once a close aide of President Kennedy in the White House. Mr. O'Brien, who was among the friends who accompanied the President's body back from Dallas after the assassination, is

now Democratic National Chairman.

Another was Timothy J. Reardon, once special assistant and Cabinet secretary to President Kennedy. He served longer with John F. Kennedy—17 years—than any other person except David F. Powers, formerly the White House receptionist. Mr. Reardon is now an official with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

One more who served John Kennedy long and faithfully was at his grave today:

Evelyn Lincoln, his personal secretary during the last years of his life and one of his chroniclers thereafter. She is now secretary to a West Virginia Representative on Capitol Hill.

Mrs. Lincoln, a small, worried figure in black and white, trudged up the slope to lay six red rosebuds at the grave she has visited each year at this date.

She stooped, straightened and instantly turned and hurried away.

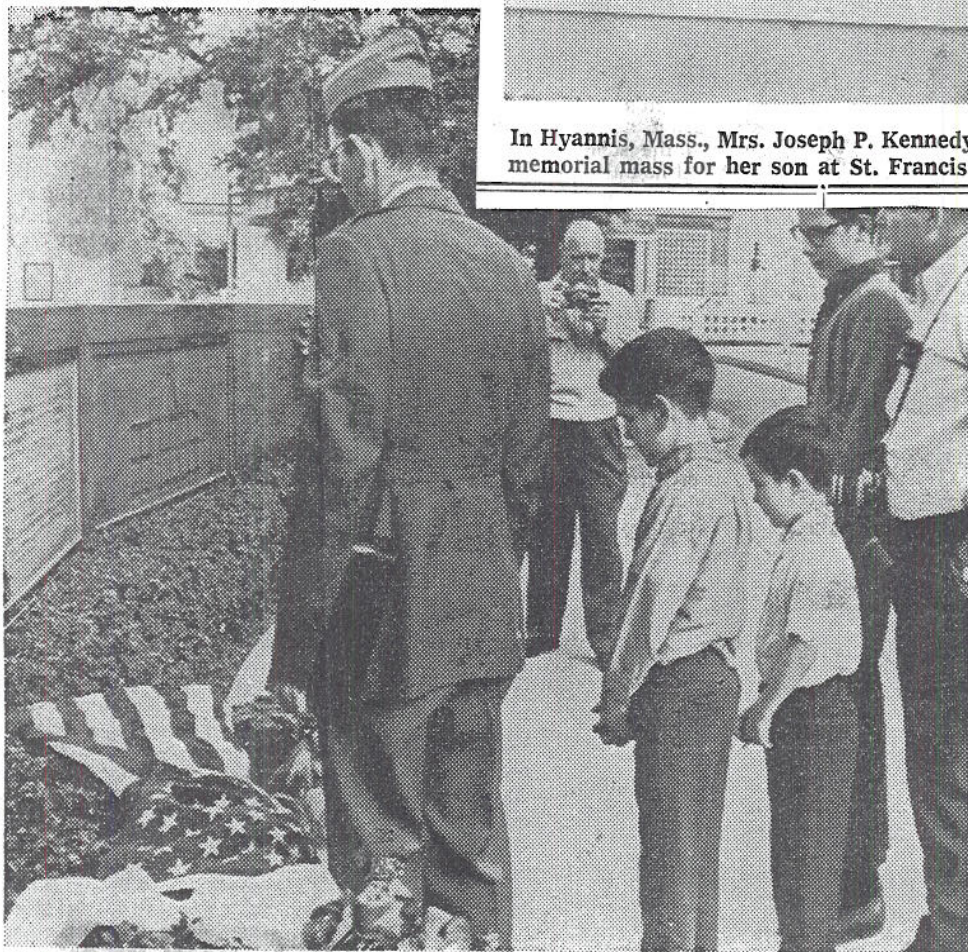


Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, visited grave of his brother, slain five years ago yesterday.



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In Hyannis, Mass., Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy was present at memorial mass for her son at St. Francis Xavier Church.



In Dallas, people went to see the memorial marker set up near site of the assassination