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Kennedy Anniversary NL
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WASHINGTON AP - A few friends and about 2,000 ordinary citizens came to Arlington National Cemetery Saturday to visit the grave of John F. Kennedy on the sixth anniversary of his assassination.

A score of Army Green Berets, with ribbons and medals from Vietnam combat, saluted as one of their number placed a wreath on the rim of the ground-level grave marker.

The first person to visit the tomb in early morning was Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss, mother of Kennedy's widow. And, as she has every year since the president's death, Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln, his personal secretary and friend, stood before the grave and left a bouquet.

Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., placed two marigolds.

Friends from Canada had airmailed a wreath. A large floral piece, its ribbon inscribed "Hail to the Chief," was sent on behalf of South Korea's joint chiefs of staff.

Several of the ordinary citizens who paused before the tomb left flowers.

A troupe of boy scouts, a group of sea scouts, and two little girls from Italy climbed the low stone stairs leading to the Kennedy grave.

Cemetery officials estimated about 2,000 persons had filed past or paused at the site-about normal, they said, for a bright, chilly autumn Saturday.

At the late president's parish church across the Potomac River in Washington, the Rev. Frederick Brigham of Boston told worshipers that "the unforeseen passing of one who contributed so much to his country symbolized the swift movement of events in this world."

President Kennedy was remembered also in prayers said at mass in the capitol's St. Matthew's Cathedral.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the late president's brother, visited the grave Friday, then journeyed to Massachusetts, where the Kennedy family attended a Saturday memorial service at St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis.

The four priests at the Concelebrated Mass were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Thompson, and the Revs. Bernard Kelly, Terrence Keenen and Donald Turlick, all priests of the small parish where the Kennedy's have worshipped for years.

Altar boys at the half hour service were John F. Kennedy Jr. and his cousin Edward M. Kennedy Jr.

In Dallas, Tex., where he died, Holy Trinity Church dedicated a mass to Kennedy.

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