

It Was Eight Years Ago Today...



REMEMBRANCE OF HIS MARTYRED BROTHER

Senator Ted Kennedy at the grave in Arlington

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ARLINGTON (Va.) — (AP) — Thousands of people climbed a grassy, windswept hillside today to pay tribute to John Fitzgerald Kennedy on the eighth anniversary of his assassination.

Edward M. Kennedy arrived in the early morning hours, coatless, solemn and alone.

For a quarter hour he stood before his brother's grave, arms folded, head bowed. Then, making the sign of the cross, he knelt and placed a single white carnation on the stone.

White Rosebud

Then, stepping away, he walked to the grave of his brother Robert, also victim of an assassin's bullet, and placed a small white rosebud.

Another early visitor was the late President's mother-in-law, Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss, accompanied by her 24 year old son, James.

James said he thought his half-sister, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, was in New York in seclusion with her children and had no plans to visit the memorial this day.

10,000 A Day

More than 31 million people — 10,000 a day — have visited the Kennedy grave since Nov. 22, 1963.

A Connecticut young man said he was stopping at the gravesite on his way home from North Carolina.