

9th Anniversary

Family Homage To Kennedy:s

Washington

Light snow fell on the grave of John F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery yesterday as relatives and admirers knelt in prayer to mark the ninth anniversary of the assassination of the nation's 35th president.

Ethel Kennedy, accompanied by nine of her children, placed flowers near the eternal flame atop the grave of her brother-in-law before moving to the simple white cross that marks the resting place of her late husband, Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

In Dallas, a brief ceremony was held three blocks from the site where the President was fatally wounded.

MASS

A mass at St. Francis Xavier church in Hyannis, Mass., was celebrated at the church attended for many years by members of the Kennedy family. None of the family, however, was at the Hyannisport compound.

In Moscow, the Soviets, marked the ninth anniversary of Mr. Kennedy's death with a condemnation of American businessmen for the sale of souvenirs of the tragedy.

The weekly newspaper Literary Gazette, complained that nine years after the tragedy "businessmen are selling souvenirs of the assassination of the century."

The newspaper said tourists broke off bits of the walls of the building where Lee Harvey Oswald shot at the president and that one Pennsylvania firm planned to dismantle the building to sell each brick for \$1 each.

More than 60 persons gathered at the Kennedy graves shortly after 8 a.m., when Arlington Cemetery opens. Hundreds more made the annual pilgrimage during the day.

FLOWERS

Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss, mother of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, knelt briefly and placed a few black and white flowers atop the graves of President Kenne-



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Douglas Kennedy, 5, son of the late Robert Kennedy, added a flower to the grave of his uncle, President Kennedy. Other members of Douglas' family are (from right) Michael, 14, Joseph, 20 and Kerry, 13.

ly and two infant Kennedy children buried alongside.

A few minutes later, Evelyn Lincoln, Mr. Kennedy's personal secretary while in the White House, arrived at the gravesite and left a dozen red roses.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.) and his wife Joan, who usually make an early morning visit to the cemetery on November 22, were in Europe. Mrs. Onassis was not in Washington either and Rose Kenne-

dy, the President's mother, was vacationing in Florida.

Robert Kennedy, assassinated in Los Angeles in June, 1968, would have been 48 on Monday. John Kennedy, assassinated during a motorcade in Dallas, would

be 55 now.

The nine children accompanying Mrs. Kennedy to the cemetery ranged from Kathleen, 21, to Rory, 3, who was born after the death of her father.

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