

Memorial Mass for Bobby at Gravesite

Slain Kennedys Are Remembered

Arlington, Va.

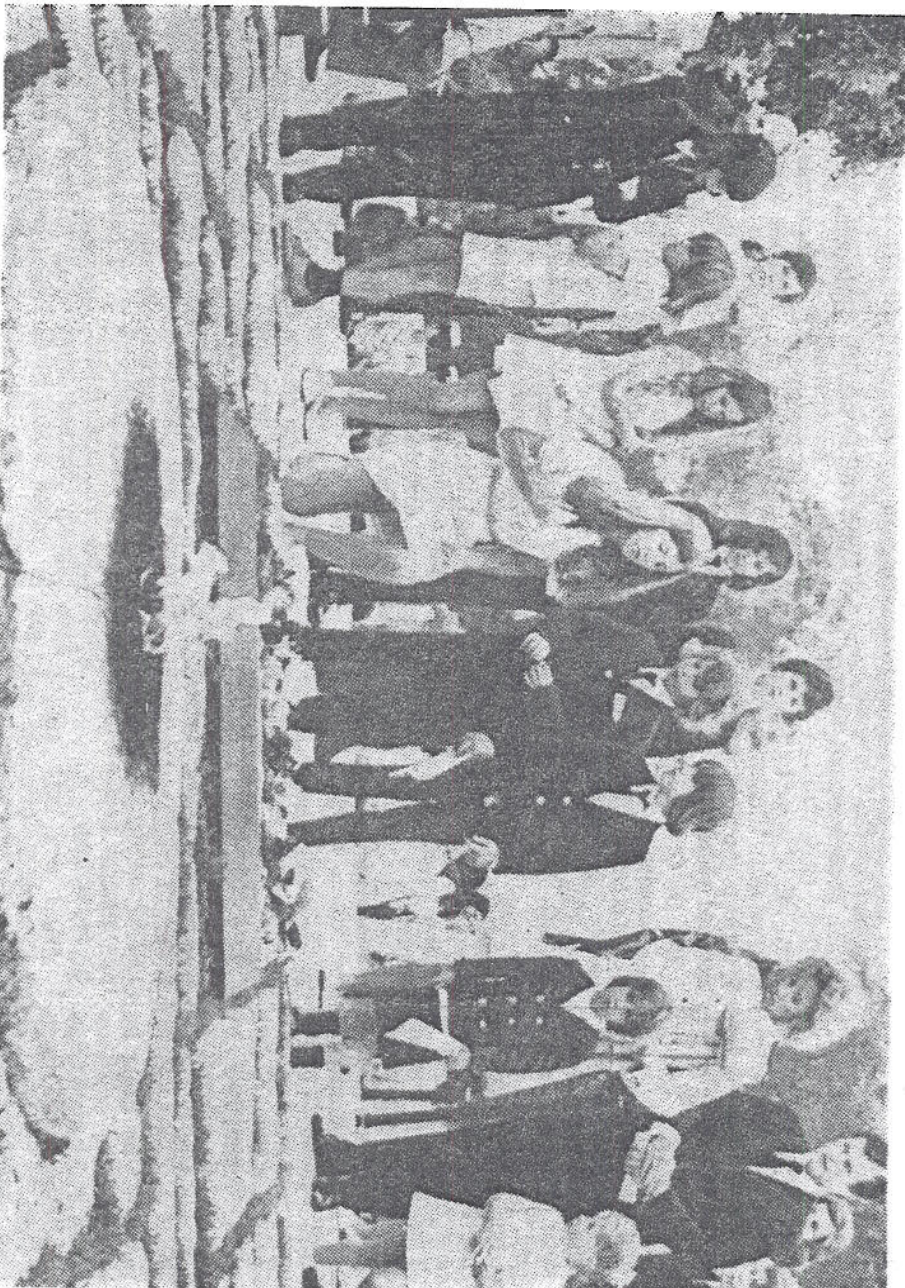
The family of Robert Francis Kennedy gathered at his gravesite yesterday for a memorial mass on the fourth anniversary of his assassination during the last presidential primary campaign.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, making a rare public appearance in Washington, slipped inconspicuously into the crowd of about 100 invited friends standing behind the family. The widow of President John F. Kennedy stayed close to the arm of Mrs. Robert S. McNamara, wife of the former defense secretary, but her daughter Caroline, 14, stood up front among her nieces and nephews.

Robert Kennedy's widow, Ethel, arrived early at the gravesite with her 11 children and, declining a wheelchair, stood throughout the 40-minute mass despite a thigh-high cast on a leg broken in a skiing accident.

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At her side was her eldest son, Joseph, 18, the two youngest children, Douglas, 5, and Rory, who was born a



President Kennedy's grave was visited by his daughter Caroline (kneeling) and other Kennedys

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few months after her father's murder, played and fidgeted around their mother despite Joseph's efforts to

quiet them. Behind Ethel other family members stood in a protective arc — the Stephen

Smiths and Sargent Shriver's along with their children, and Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dean-Mass.) whose

wife, Joan, was absent. Kennedy was shot in Los Angeles four years ago after winning the California pri-

mary in his bid for the presidency.

The theme of the mass was taken from a 1966 speech by Robert Kennedy read on the Arlington hillside by his son, Michael: "Each time a man stands up for an ideal . . . he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope."

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The mass, accompanied by music with lyrics adapted from the speeches and writings of the senator, was celebrated by the Rev. Albert F. Pereira, pastor of St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church in McLean, Va., where Ethel and her children live.

When the Mass ended, the family slowly walked the 125 feet to the eternal flame above the grave of John F. Kennedy. Mrs. Onassis followed at some distance with Mrs. McNamara.

The two women stood off to one side as the others gathered in front. Then, as the Kennedy's left, Mrs. Onassis walked to the front and knelt alone before the flame.

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Jacquelin Kennedy Onassis witnessed the service AP Wirephoto