

This afternoon we have gathered to pray for the repose of the soul of Arlene Brechtelsbauer. She was born in 1922, a time different from our own.

That year was the high-point of the British Empire ... which at that time covered one-quarter of the world and ruled one-fourth of the people on the planet.

In science, the first successful use of insulin to treat diabetes occurred in Toronto, Canada.

The largest ever snowfall occurred in Washington DC that winter.

The first issue of the *Reader's Digest* was published.

Pope Pius IX (the ninth) succeeded Pope Benedict XV (the fifteenth.)

President Warren G. Harding brought the first radio into the White House.

The first US aircraft carrier, the *USS Langley*, was commissioned.

The first mid-air collision between two airplanes occurred in France.

Two years prior, the 19th Amendment allowed women to vote. This year, states began opening public offices to women as well.

A 20-ton meteorite landed in Virginia.

The Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC was dedicated that spring.

The Hollywood Bowl opened its doors for the first time.

Mussolini became the youngest ever Prime Minister of Italy.

Archeologists entered the tomb of Tutankhamen - the first people in 3,000 years.

What was new then is history now.

Indeed, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Arlene has left us to make her final journey into eternity.

And so we accompany her with our prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord ...