

We are gathered here this cold morning to honor the memory of Janet Ryan ... loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. She enjoyed golfing, gardening, and bowling ... as well as spending time with her family.

She was born in 1938, a time different than our own ... but similar in many ways.

The duPont Company invented nylon, and it was first used commercially in toothbrush bristles.

Porky Pig, Daffy Duck, and Bugs Bunny made their premier in Looney Tunes.

Walt Disney released *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* - the first cel-animated feature-length motion picture.

Action Comics #1 featured the first appearance of *Superman*.

At Yankee Stadium, Joe Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in the first round.

Howard Hughes set a new record for round-the-world flight ... 91 hours.

While Wrongway Corrigan took off from New York headed for California, but landed in Ireland instead.

The first major hurricane in nearly 70 years struck New England.

The Blue Water Bridge connecting Port Huron and Sarnia opened.

Orson Welles' radio play *The War of the Worlds* causes panic among its listeners.

And the minimum wage was established in the United States.

A world different in many ways, but very much the same.

At times, it would seem, the only constant is change.

And so, for Janet, life is changed not ended ... and we accompany her with our prayers.

Eternal rest ...