

This morning, we come together to honor the memory of JoAnna Grzemkowski ... wife and mother, sister and friend, grandmother ... great-grandmother ... great-great-grandmother.

She was born in late 1924 ... a world ... and a time ... full of changes. Vladimir Lenin died that year ... just as Great Britain would recognize the fledgling Soviet Union.

George Gershwin's work *Rhapsody in Blue* is performed for the first time in New York City.

The *Computing Tabulating Recording Company* decides to change its name to *International Business Machines* ... also known as I-B-M.

The Ottoman Empire ... led by the 1,400 year-old Islamic caliphate ... is dissolved and abolished. The remnants of which become the country we now know as Turkey.

J. Edgar Hoover is appointed head of the Bureau of Investigation - the B-O-I ... which would later become the F-B-I.

President Calvin Coolidge signs an act granting U.S. citizenship to all Native Americans within the territorial limits of the United States.

The Caesar Salad is invented in Tijuana, Mexico.

The Toastmasters Club was founded. And Macy's holds its first ever Thanksgiving parade.

We heard in the first reading that there are many things that do not last ... but that the "*woman who fears and reverences God shall be greatly praised ...*" for her good deeds "*shall bring her honor and recognition*".

Your presence here is a testimony to those words from the Book of Proverbs.

With St. Paul, JoAnna can claim to have "*fought the good fight to the end ... [to] have run the race to the finish ... [to] have kept the faith*".

She has gone to the arms of "*the good shepherd*" who has promised her "*eternal life*".

And so, we accompany JoAnna with our prayers ... as she makes this final journey into eternity.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord ...