

We are here this morning to honor the memory of Felicia Marino ... wife and mother ... grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother.

She was born in 1929, into a world different than our own, but also very similar.

Also born that year were Audrey Hepburn, Jackie Kennedy-Onassis, Barbara Walters, and Grace Kelly; as well as Arnold Palmer, Dick Clark, Ed Asner, and Bob Newhart.

In politics, the Lateran Treaty was signed establishing the Vatican City as a sovereign state; Herbert Hoover was inaugurated as the 31st president of the US; the Geneva Convention addresses the treatment of POWs; and the Canadian Supreme Court ruled that women indeed are 'persons' and can be appointed to government postings.

In entertainment, the first Academy Awards were held in Hollywood – a 15 minute ceremony honoring the best movies of the past two years; Popeye premiered in the funny papers.

In technology, the BBC began its first television broadcasts; and Bell Labs gave the first public demonstration of color TV.

In other news, Ernest Hemingway wrote *A Farewell to Arms*, and in New York the Museum of Modern Art opened its doors for the first time; Admiral Byrd flew over the South Pole; and the Graf Zeppelin flew around the world, starting in New Jersey.

India was demanding independence from Great Britain ... and in October, the Stock Market crashed.

The world may have changed, but many things remain the same ... the one constant in all of our lives is 'love' ... and the bonds of love connect us not only through the years, but also with those who have gone on before us.

And so we accompany Felicia with our prayers as she takes this last journey from time into eternity.

Eternal rest ...