

Agnew laid to rest quietly

TIMONIUM (AP) — There was no mention of the ignominious end to the political career.

Spiro Agnew, the son of Greek immigrants who rose from PTA president to vice president, was buried beneath an oak tree in a suburban cemetery during a simple ceremony Friday. The (Baltimore) Sun reported yesterday.

The 77-year-old former Maryland governor died Tuesday of previously undiagnosed leukemia in Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin, Md.

During a eulogy that spanned almost all of Mr. Agnew's life, the Rev. John Buchheister, a retired Methodist minister and cousin of

Mr. Agnew's wife Judy, recalled Mr. Agnew's rapid rise from Baltimore County executive to vice president.

But the career chronicle ended there.

Never mentioned was Mr. Agnew's 1973 resignation as vice president in the face of a kickback scandal that ended with him adrift in court to taking brown envelopes filled with cash from state contractors.

Friday's ceremony also took place out of the limelight, which Mr. Agnew avoided after his humiliating resignation.

Former presidential candidate Pat Buchanan was among those paying their respects to Mr. Agnew. Mr. Buchanan co-wrote many of the Nixon hatchet man's speeches notorious for their alliterative attacks on opponents.

Former Rep. Helen Delich Bentley and former Baltimore Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III, both personal friends of Agnew, also attended the ceremony.

An honor guard of Washington troops representing the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard marched Mr. Agnew's cremated remains to his grave and fired a 21-gun salute to end the service.

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