

1,000 Attend Roth Services

From a Times Staff Writer

BERKELEY—A funeral Mass of Resurrection was celebrated Tuesday night for Joe Roth, the University of California quarterback who died of cancer Saturday at age 21.

An overflow congregation, estimated at more than 1,000, jammed Newman Hall, where Roth worshiped. Roth died after a three-year battle with melanoma, a virulent cancer.

"Joe Roth has had a profound impression of the lives of all of us," Cal coach Mike White told the gathering.

Pallbearers included Cal players Fred Besana, Bob Warner, Joe Rose, Paul Jones and Eric Anderson; Cal coaches Al Saunders and Roger Theder, and former Cal quarterback coach Paul Hackett, now at USC.

Besides White, roommate John Matlock and Dr. Michael Friedman of the UC Medical Center spoke.

The congregation consisted of Roth's parents, relatives, school administrators, professors, athletes, students and many local residents.

Roth will be buried later this week in Twin Falls, Ida., where his parents moved from San Diego a year ago.