



Frankie J. Novak Jr.

August 18, 1941 - July 6, 2020

Frank "Frankie" Joseph Novak Jr., 78, of El Campo, passed away July 6, 2020. He was born on August 18th, 1941 in El Campo to Frank & Angelina Novak.

Frankie was survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Jeanette, daughter Kimberly Socha and husband Steven, grandson Trenton Socha & wife Celeste, granddaughter Melea Socha, one great-grandchild on the way, daughter and son by heart Kenny and Missy Cox, brother Bennie Novak & wife Barbara, brother-in-law Alfred Pustejovsky & wife Patricia, brother-in-law Larry Pustejovsky and numerous nieces & nephews.

Frankie was preceded in death by his parents, son Darryl Wayne Novak, brothers Herman Novak, Albert Novak, Raymond Novak, and sisters Vlasta Yackel & Annie Piwetz.

Frankie lived most of his life in Wharton County. He grew up on the farm helping his family grow corn, cotton, & milo and tending to livestock. During his teenage years, he got his first job at the local Comstock Drive-In. A few years later, he took a job with Maurice Mikeska as a meat cutter. He then went to work with DD Lundy at El Campo Packing and then transitioned to a meat salesman for Decker & Sons. These experiences helped shape his love for butchering.

On May 17th 1981, he opened the doors to Novak's Meat Market. Owning his own business was a huge accomplishment for Frankie. Through the years he met so many people that touched his life. Not only were they customers of his; he considered them family. Frankie never met a stranger and you could always find him behind the counter with a smile.

Throughout his life he was involved in many organizations and projects. He was integral in starting the Fair Fund (known as Five Star Fair Fund now) and often bought animals in the Sale of Excellence. He was known to even give the animals back a time or two. He also donated Boys & Girls Rodeo Saddles at the youth fair for more than 20+ years. He was a dedicated Rotarian of 34 years, never missing a meeting. This led him to receive the highest honor as a Rotarian, the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. The 2017 Rotary Fundraiser was dedicated in his honor. He was a member of St. Philips Catholic Church and was known for his role in the annual church picnic. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus #2490 for 45 years. Due to his continued involvement in the community, he was awarded El Campo Citizen of the Year in 2000.

Sundays were his "cow days". He would pack up his grandkids and take them around to check and feed the cows in his various pastures. If you knew Frankie, you knew he loved his old cars. His favorite was the Model A he owned. To this day, he still had a 1955 Ford Fairlane.

When you asked Frankie how he was, his signature answer would either be "everything's wonderful" or "everything's lovely." We are thankful for the memories we shared and hope you enjoy all the pivo and kolaches with your son and loved ones in Heaven!

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, July 9 at Triska Funeral Home.

Due to the current COVID guidelines, face masks are required for the visitation and building occupancy is limited.

Private Family Services will be set at a later date.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ From the sixth grade, I always had a soft spot in my heart for Frankie. His dimples always made me smile. When I was in the store I always saw the cute boy I had such a crush on in school. You were always his best friend when he was around. His love and life will always be remembered thru his lovely Kim. I can see their smile light up any place they happen to be. I felt so blessed to be with him again when he spent time at Garden Villa. Frankie lives on every time I see Kim and it takes me back to our school days. She is blessed to have gotten her dad's sweet face. Always remember Kim how much Frankie was loved and admired by so many [including me]. I love you for being such a wonderful caring daughter to your parents. Feel the peace and love he is enjoying in Heaven forever more. Love you and your precious family. Love Toodie

Maureen Brady - November 24, 2020 at 07:41 PM

KA

“ Kari lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



kari - August 26, 2020 at 05:10 AM

GC

“ Gay Lynn Cerny lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



Gay Lynn Cerny - July 14, 2020 at 03:24 PM

PV

“ Pam Vesely lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



Pam Vesely - July 14, 2020 at 03:12 PM

LK

“ I saw Frankie every day when we were business neighbors on Mechanic St. He always had a smile and a "Jak se mas" for us. I will miss him. My condolences to the family.

Rita Dornak

Linda Kutach - July 12, 2020 at 12:14 PM

DZ

“ Diana Zabodyn lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



Diana Zabodyn - July 12, 2020 at 11:36 AM

DZ

Sending our Prayers to all the Family. Frankie was a kind and wonderful person. I will always remember his smile and welcoming hellos. God Blessings to Frankie and may he rest in eternal peace. Amen.

Diana Zabodyn - July 12, 2020 at 11:41 AM

MP

“ I am very sorry for your lose. Wish I could have been there for the services. But due too the Virus and I am recovering from knee replacement surgery. Its all good. In photo My Dad Larry Pustejovsky, Marvin Pustejovsky-My son Vincent. My son-in-law Rob Kazen and his son Myles.

Marvin Pustejovsky



Marvin Pustejovsky - July 11, 2020 at 06:57 AM

BI

“ *Bimbofalcon lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Bimbofalcon - July 10, 2020 at 01:08 PM

RP

“ *Robert D. Piwetz purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Frankie J. Novak Jr..*



Robert D. Piwetz - July 10, 2020 at 12:29 PM

RO

“ *Ruben O’Cañas lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Ruben O’Cañas - July 10, 2020 at 10:12 AM

EC

“ *Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Elaine Cook - July 09, 2020 at 10:48 PM

TB

“ *Frankie was always such a cute little guy. He was my boyfriend in the sixth grade and it was a fun time. As Kim said he always had such a beautiful smile that she inherited from her Daddy. A better friend could not be found. I am blessed to have been one of many . I enjoyed getting to cut his hair while at Garden Villa the last few years. He made sure I knew Missy always did his hair before. He was a loyal patron to her. He will certainly be missed by so many. His life was well lived and was so loved.*

Toodie Brady

Toodie Brady - July 09, 2020 at 07:09 PM

RA

“ Russ & Mary Abshire lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



Russ & Mary Abshire - July 09, 2020 at 02:25 PM

JB

“ Joshua Barosh lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



Joshua Barosh - July 09, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ Debora Burkhalter lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



Debora Burkhalter - July 09, 2020 at 10:36 AM

GH

“ Grover/Val Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



Grover/Val Hargrove - July 09, 2020 at 08:14 AM

AR

“ ALBERT AND JO RUCKA lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



ALBERT AND JO RUCKA - July 08, 2020 at 09:41 PM

KV

“ Kim and Rita Vanek purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Frankie J. Novak Jr..



Kim and Rita Vanek - July 08, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Frankie J. Novak Jr..



July 08, 2020 at 09:29 PM

AM

“ Andrea McCann lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



Andrea McCann - July 08, 2020 at 06:01 PM

MA

“ Mack And Mary Anderson lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



Mack and Mary Anderson - July 08, 2020 at 04:59 PM

L2

“ Frankie was a wonderful person and it was always a joy to see him and his smile when you walked into the meat market. He will be so missed.

Lucinda knebel 2149082149 - July 08, 2020 at 04:47 PM

KK

“ May Frankie Rest In Peace!! Prayers go out to the Novak Family. El Campo has lost a wonderful and respectful man. He always had a smile and greeted you at the market, if you were having a bad day, it got better when you were greeted by Frankie and his bubbly personality. May the Lord bless him for all he has done on earth, now it is time for him to rest.

Kathy Koudela - July 08, 2020 at 03:53 PM

RM

“ Rose Ann Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.



Rose Ann Mitchell - July 08, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *Aileen Avendano lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Aileen Avendano - July 08, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *Marvin & Vada Machart lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Marvin & Vada Machart - July 08, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *Pam Vesely lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Pam Vesely - July 08, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Sandra Kaluza lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Sandra Kaluza - July 08, 2020 at 01:45 PM

RP

“ *May he Rest In Peace! He has earned a well-deserved rest in heaven. Mr. Novak was a good man, and will be sorely missed! Dan & Rose Pasak*

Rose Pasak - July 08, 2020 at 01:34 PM

HE

“ *Helen lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Helen - July 08, 2020 at 01:21 PM

WP

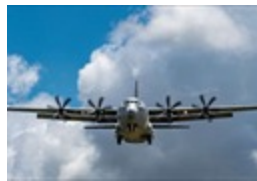
“ *You can rest now, sure did enjoyed our short talks*



WILLIAM ROBERT BOB PONCIK - July 08, 2020 at 01:11 PM

WP

“ *1 file added to the album FRESH*



WILLIAM ROBERT BOB PONCIK - July 08, 2020 at 01:09 PM

JF

“ *Julie Strnadel & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Julie Strnadel & Family - July 08, 2020 at 12:41 PM

BW

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to the Novak family. Frankie was a kind and good person. He will be greatly missed. Frankie always had a smile on his face when he would greet anyone. Bernice & Larry Wagner, Jr.*

Bernice Wagner - July 08, 2020 at 12:10 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Wilson lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Lisa Wilson - July 08, 2020 at 11:25 AM

PD

“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



Patricia Dybala - July 08, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frankie J. Novak Jr..*



July 08, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frankie J. Novak Jr..*



July 08, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *I worked for Frankie when I was in high school he taught me a lot and was a good Mentor . I have done business with him for years he was a good man and will be missed*

James Hart - July 08, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *Jeraldine lit a candle in memory of Frankie J. Novak Jr.*



jeraldine - July 08, 2020 at 10:18 AM

LM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Novak family, Frankie was my decker salesman while I worked for my dad, Ray Marek @ Mareks super mkt in the late 60's.
Prayers.....Larry Marek*

larry marek - July 08, 2020 at 09:50 AM