



Dr. William Joseph Novak

February 16, 1926 - March 23, 2013

Dr. William Joseph Novak, 87, died on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at his home in Easton from natural causes. He was born on February 16, 1928, son of the late, Joseph and Estelle Novak of Cleveland, Ohio.

He had 3 siblings, Tom, Bob and Ruth. He was married September 10, 1948 to Myra Jeanne Lettow and lived for 61 years with his beloved wife, until her death in 2009.

He lived in Cincinnati, Ohio where he attended Withrow High School. He received his undergraduate degree and degree in Medicine from the University of Cincinnati. After spending 4 years in residency and additional graduate work in psychiatry, he moved with his family to Chevy Chase, MD, a suburb of Washington, DC where he raised his family Steve, Jeff, Tim and Jenny. He attended further study at Washington DC Psychoanalytic Institute and directed residency training there, and was associated with Georgetown University and Children's Hospitals. He spent time contributing to the Peace Corp, and was a psychoanalyst in private practice between 1960 and 1989.

He and his wife, Myra retired to Easton, MD in 1989. As a wine connoisseur and amateur vintner, he helped launch the Eastern Shore Wine Tasting Society, which he ran for a time, and he won multiple awards for his entries in local wine society competitions. He was an avid bird enthusiast, spending time

on excursions world-wide traveling through Europe in France, Germany, Italy and England as well as Australia, Alaska, Japan, Thailand, Hawaii and extensively in the Caribbean, and continued his association with the Talbot Bird Club group of the Maryland Ornithological Society throughout. He enjoyed water skiing and fishing on Deep Creek Lake, and scuba diving in the Caribbean.

His intellect and sense of humor was amazing, and he will be missed deeply by friends and family.

Bill's life will be celebrated from 3 – 5 p.m., Thursday, March 28 at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newman Funeral Home P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the WETA, 3939 Campbell Ave., Arlington, VA 22206 or www.pbs.org/donate

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. William Joseph Novak*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dr. William Joseph Novak*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dr. William Joseph Novak*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

WC

“ To the Novak Family:

I met Bill and Myra through the Talbot Bird Club. They were among my first acquaintances there and they rapidly took me under their wings, as it were. In time, we were to trade places for family reunions: ours at the Novak family cottage on Deep Creek Lake, Bill's at our family condo in Ocean City. I always looked forward to seeing them both on bird walks, club meetings, and the annual Christmas Bird Count where they were a St. Michaels fixture. After Myra's departure Bill and I used to seek each other out for a big hug. Although he retained his wry humor and intellect, it was that hug that always seemed the most important thing between us.

Outside of birding, my fondest memory is the time a dear friend from Vermont paid us a visit. He was sort of an aspiring vintner so on a whim I gave Bill a call. Within the hour we were at the Novak home, talking about growing grapes and making wine. I think we were there for three hours, during which the conversation never flagged. What a wonderful couple to receive a total stranger so graciously.

I will miss that hug, as I know you will miss Bill. You should know that he touched many of us deeply and that he will live in our hearts. My thoughts are with you as you face your loss. We are all so fortunate that our lives intersected with his.

Sincerely yours -- Wayne Bell

Wayne Bell, Talbot Bird Club - March 28, 2013 at 09:29 PM

DP

“ Dear Novak family my heart felt deepest sympathy to you all at this difficult time. Bill and Myra were both great people and dear friends and will missed . Many happy memories of the bird walks they attended and the brunches they hosted at their home afterward on some occasions .

Danny Poet

Danny Poet - March 27, 2013 at 07:12 PM

DP

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Danny Poet - March 27, 2013 at 11:10 AM

CL

“ Jeff, Sandy and family. Our prayers go out to you during this difficult time. Dr. Novak, R.I.P.
Carolyn and Mitch Lerner
Atlanta, GA



Carolyn Lerner - March 27, 2013 at 08:48 AM

CO

“ 12 files added to the album New Album Name



Corrie - March 27, 2013 at 07:56 AM

DF

“ I remember Bill so well. In the early 1950's we were close colleagues, attending staff at DC General Hospital and later faculty companions at Georgetown University Medical Center. Our families shared some great times together, vacationing at Deep Creek Lake, which Bill and Myra had discovered to our delight. Water skiing was our sport. Not always with great accomplishment. I remember the first manned mission to land on the Moon, on 20 July 1969. We celebrated poolside with the Novaks in Potomac. My late wife, Therese, journeyed to Australia with Bill and Myra. Bill's humor and gentle manner was infectious. My deepest sympathy to his children and grandchildren.

Dr. Jim Foy

Dr. Jim Foy - March 26, 2013 at 10:47 AM

MS

“ You have my deepest sympathy. Our God gives his strength during difficult times. PS 46:1.

msw - March 26, 2013 at 05:06 AM