



John Michael Novak

October 24, 1947 - May 13, 2021

John Michael Novak, a native of Oak Park, Illinois, he grew up in Chadron, Nebraska, and most recently was a resident of Tickfaw, Louisiana, passed away on May 13, 2021 at the age of 73. He is a veteran who proudly served in the United States Navy onboard the USS Enterprise.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Judith Wilcox Novak; sons, John Alan and Jeffrey Howard Novak; sister, Linda Hybl (Larry); brother, Thomas Novak (Kathy); brothers-in-law, Bill Wilcox (Judy), David Olsen and Mark Helmberger; grandchildren, Trystan, McKinzie, Jaxson Novak, and Wayne Hubert.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John F. and Helen Novak; sister, Mary Novak Helmberger; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ralph and Roberta Wilcox; and sister-in-law, Betty Wilcox Olsen.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ So sorry for your loss Judith and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Charlotte Dannar Partin (Chadron, NE native)

Charlotte - May 24, 2021 at 09:13 AM

DP

“ Hello - I am sorry to learn of the passing of your husband. My sincere condolences. Donna Bannan Pierce

Donna Bannan Pierce - May 23, 2021 at 09:09 PM

JD

“ I was a very timid freshman or sophomore at Chadron High School, Chadron, NE. John & brother Tom were in a US History class with me, taught by coach Rex Jones. John was at the front part of the classroom, I was towards the back part with a really icky guy in front of me. This guy was turned around one day & giving me a hard time. But Big John heard him, turned around & just pointed a finger at him & said to leave me alone! He was my hero! My condolences to John's wife, Judith, their family & all of John's family. My prayers are with you all.

Jeanie McHenry Dawkins - May 23, 2021 at 05:34 PM

BM

“ Rest Well John to me you still look like that Dark Haired kid I knew at the Academy . Rest Well till we meet again

Benny Martin - May 23, 2021 at 04:30 PM

CJ

“ I worked for John most of my life. He was an inspiration for me. I Did miss him when he retired, but knew he had done a long haul in our business. I pray for him, and the rest of his family.

Charlie Jeanfreau - May 22, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RR

“ I am so saddened to hear of John's passing. Although I worked with him for a short year I had so much knowledge passed on to me and he was always willing to talk about work and have patience for me. I'm sure he will be missed greatly by his family. Prayers and peace sent to y'all in this time of mourning.

Renee Rudolph - May 16, 2021 at 02:52 PM

JD

When I was a very timid sophomore, at Chadron High School, Chadron, NE, John was an older student, probably a senior cuz I think Tom was a Junior. There was a really icky guy sitting in front of me, always turning around & giving me a hard time. Big John turned around in his desk, poked the guy in the chest and said "you leave that girl alone!" WOW!! I was never bothered again, by anyone. He was my hero, until Popeye came along 🤔

Jeanie Dawkins - May 23, 2021 at 05:15 PM

RD

“ It’s sometimes hard to explain the effect someone has on your life. Though we lost contact about five or six years ago, I still remember the great times we had together. John was a true friend that God sent my way when I was going through some tough times in my life. We worked together, played golf together and just spent a lot of time doing things together. He was always the friend that had your back no matter what the situation was and was there to help anyone who needed help. Though John was a big man, he had a gentle heart, and even though I haven’t seen him in a long time he will be greatly missed.
I send prayers of comfort for all of his family because I know they will miss him greatly.

Ron Davis - May 15, 2021 at 09:30 AM

AC

“ John was one of my best friends when we grew up fish together and hunted together went to school together at the ASSUMPTION Academy HERE IN Chadron Nebraska he was a great friend will never be forgotten by me so sorry for the loss my condolences to your family and friends! From Tony Cisneros Chadron Nebraska

A.A. (TONY) CISNEROS - May 14, 2021 at 11:50 PM