



## Edward Novak

January 15, 1936 - October 31, 2012

On Wednesday, October 31, 2012, Edward P. Novak of Manassas, Virginia passed away peacefully at his home. Born in Charleroi, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Michael and Pauline Novak. After his enlistment in the Marine Corps, which included participation in the 1958 Lebanon Crisis, he worked briefly for the Federal Aviation Administration in Leesburg, Virginia. Mr. Novak retired after 35 distinguished years with the Department of the Army Night Vision Laboratories.

Mr. Novak was the devoted husband to Mary Boomer Novak for 50 years. He was the beloved father to Melissa Novak of Manassas and Paul and Karen Novak of Ashburn; affectionate grandfather to Kimberly and Billy Duvall, Lindsey Novak and L/CPL Joey Novak. He is also survived by two sisters, Alice Nowaczek of Columbus, Ohio and Connie Colvin of Baker, Oregon and many adoring nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5:00-8:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00 A.M. Thursday, November 8, 2012 at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas with Rev. John Melmer officiating. Interment will follow at Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, Virginia with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor online at [littlesistersofthepoorvirginia.org](http://littlesistersofthepoorvirginia.org) or by mail at Little Sisters of the Poor, 1503 Michaels Road, Henrico, Virginia 23229

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ I had the great pleasure and privilege to work with Ed at Night Vision for many years. There was never a dull moment with him around and I have so many great memories. He always knew how to make everyone around him laugh. He was a such a great friend to everyone - and if you didn't know him, you quickly became his friend, too. Eddie was a true gentleman and class act. My heart goes out to Mary, Melissa, Paul and family. The love and pride in his voice was so clear when he talked about you all. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Susan Durrett** - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

KP

“ My sympathy goes out to the family of Eddie "P" which I called him. He was a very sincere, genuine man who always had a smile for you. He will truly be missed by all of the NVESD family.

*Kimmy P*

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**Kimmy P** - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

DM

“ My deepest sympathies to the Novak family. I had the great pleasure to get to know him while at NVL. Two things about him which made such an impresion over the years: His work ethic and that he always had a way of making any person's day better - no matter the topic of conversation (the Pirate's losing season [nothing new], the Steeler's winning season [nothing new] or about common interests in greater Pittsburgh/Mon Valley). I raise a glass of Stoney's in your memory, dear Eddie. The world has lost a great person with your passing.

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**Dave Moody** - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

CH

“ *Cathy and I extended our condolences to the Novak family. Ed was a true friend and exemplar worker. He always found a way to brighten our days.*

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**Clayton Hill** - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

EN

“ *Edward Novak*

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**Elaine Nowaczek** - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

KM

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to Mary, Melissa, Paul and family during this time of sorrow. It was my pleasure and my benefit to work with Ed at NVL since the late 60's. We were in the same group most of our careers. He was a talented co-worker but more than that he was a close friend. We spend many days together on field tests & demos around the world. Ed was always upbeat & could make the tuff times a lot easier. He was always someone who could be counted on to get the job done & done right! But he wasn't all work; he could keep you on your toes with his little pranks & jokes. There are many memories but one I remember that stands out is the time we spent the coldest night of our lives in the honeymoon suite (only room left & no heat!) in guesthouse in Bremenhaven, Germany, right on the North Sea where we sleep in our parkers & knit caps in a heart shaped bed because the temp in the room was just above the freezing mark – we had many laughs about that trip! He will truly be missed by all of us who knew him!*

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**Ken & Karen Miller** - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

SD

“ I was a young soldier assigned to the Night Vision Lab at Ft. Belvior, Va. Ed showed me the ropes around the Lab and was always willing to help me in anyway he could.

*I will never forget when I was promoted to SGT. Ed gave me the Ol' Marine hit to the arm in congratulations, I'm here to say he hits like a freight train.*

*Over the years I have always thought very highly and often of Ed. I will find him in my prayers and I'm sure those closest to him will miss him dearly.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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7th Special Forces (Airborne)*

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**Stepen Daniels** - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

DB

“ *My condolences to the Novak family. I was blessed to have known Eddy P. He brighten my days, when I was there to brighten his. When I would be ready to leave for the day he always said to me LOVE YOU. That means so much to me.*

*CARING FOR EDDY P WAS TRULY A BLESSING TO ME. God keep him in your loving arms until we meet again. Your friend and caregiver, Donna J Bailey*

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**Donna J. Bailey** - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

JC

“ *My condolences Paul.*

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**John Chernitsky** - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

CP

“ While I never had the pleasure of personally meeting Ed, I knew him well. He was generous, kind, loving and a very giving individual. You ask of course how do I know that if I have never met him? I know his daughter Melissa.

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**Charles Powell** - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM